



<u>SUMMARY</u> <u>REPORT</u>

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EXPLORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

COAL LICENCES

LOTS #139, #4806, #4807, #4808, #4809, #4810, #4811, #4812, #4813, #4814, #4815

BANGE 5, COAST DISTRICT

MORICE RIVER AREA

OMINECA MINING DIVISION

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GEOLOGICAL BRANCH ASSESSMENT REPORT

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	<u>(1)</u>	- GEOLOGICAL PLAN	<u>Scale</u> 1 ^H - 500'
	•	GEOLOGICAL SECTION - D.H. #1	I" - 30'
	(3)	" " - D.H. #2	1" - 30"
	(4)	" - D.H. #3	1 ^H - 30 ⁺
	(5)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.H. #1 401.6' - 403.5'	1" - "5'
	(6)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.H. #1 453.2' - 456.5'	1"5'
	(7)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.E. #1 542.5' - 546.9'	1" - "S'
	(8)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.H. #2 268.1' - 272.2'	1" - "5'
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	(12)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.H. #3 566,5' - 570.3'	1" - "5'
	(13)	DETAIL LOG & SECTION - D.R. #3 626.0' - 633.6'	1"5'

SUMMARY REPORT EXPLORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

MORICE RIVER COAL DEPOSIT

OMINECA MINING DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

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Bethlehem Copper Corporation Ltd., with offices located at #1818 -355 Burrard Street, Vancouver 1, B.C., is the holder of a block of 11 contiguous coal licences located in the Morice River area of north-central British Columbia. These are more particularly described as Lots #139, #4806, #4807, #4808, #4809, #4810, #4811, #4812, #4813, #4814, #4815, Range 5, Coast District.

The investigation of coal deposits in this area was most active during the period 1907-17, when several private companies attempted to establish a marketable coal reserve for use by the Grand Trunk Railroad. Although production was not achieved during this period and no work had been done on the property subsequent to 1917, the early investigations were successful in developing an indicated reserve of 40 - 50 million tons, of which some 30 million tons was reported as being of coking quality.

Data obtained from early private and government reports is summarized as follows:

Seam	Thickness	Area	Contents	Quality
#1 Upper	45 feet	3200 acres	14,400,000 T.	coking coal
#2 Middle	5½ feet	3200 acres	17,600,000 T.	coking coal
#3 Lower	7 feet	3200 acres	22,400,000 T.	steam coal

COAL ANALYSIS

An analysis of coal samples, obtained from surface exposures, was reported in 1917 as follows:

Moisture2.5Volatile matter30.5Fixed carbon60.8Asb6.2Sulphur -
not more than.05%

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The coal licences were acquired from the Provincial Government by Bethlehem Copper Corporation Ltd. in February, 1968. Initial exploratory investigations, undertaken by Bethex Explorations Ltd. (N.P.L.) on behalf of Bethlehem Copper Corporation Ltd., commenced in early June and continued through to mid-September, 1968. Field programs, consisting of geological mapping, bulldozer trenching and diamond drilling were of a reconnaissance type and were directed primarily towards obtaining sufficient information to either confirm or disprove the data reported by earlier operators.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

The coal property is located within the Omineca Mining Division, lying near the headwaters of Denys Creek, approximately 35 miles due south of Smithers, B.C. The terrain is moderately wooded and mountainous, with topographic relief ranging from 3700 to 5500 feet above sea level.

Access is difficult as no raods or logging trails are known to exist within a ten-mile radius of the licence block. The closest access road, which is situated some ten miles to the north of Denys Creek, links the Norcan Mines' property with the town of Telkwa, B.C. Supplies and equipment required for the summer program were trucked to Norcan Mines and then transported by helicopter to the Morice River property.

EXPLORATORY DRILLING

In 1912, Mr. A.J. Beaudette, an engineer employed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad, is reported to have drilled three vertical bore holes to depths of 360 feet, 560 feet and 740 feet. The original drill site locations and the main camp site were relocated during the past summer (see Geological Plan).

Canadian Longyear Drilling Co., under contract to Bethex Explorations Ltd. (N.P.L.), completed three additional holes to respective depths of 526 feet, 686 feet and 776 feet during the period July 28th to August 17th. Continuous "N" size core was recovered from each test and coal samples were forwarded to the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources for analysis. A summary of results submitted by the Department accompany this report.

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REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The property lies within the southern half of the area covered by G.S.C. Map \$44-23, the only recent larger scale geological map available. The geology of the country south of Telkwa River as shown on this map differs little from the original interpretation made by Mr. W.W. Leach in 1907 (the Telkwa River and vicinity G.S.C. Publication \$983, 1907).

The greater part of the area surrounding the Morice River coal property is shown as being underlain by volcanics and related intrusives of the Hazelton Group reputed to be of Jurassic to Cretaceous age. Scattered throughout the area and located in well defined creek valleys are small, irregular areas of coal-bearing sedimentary rocks. Doubt exists as to the exact age of these sediments but they are shown on current G.S.C. maps as being part of the Hazelton Group of possible upper Jurassic, lower Cretaceous age. The largest known sedimentary basin, three miles southwest of Telkwa village, has supported small scale coal mining ventures for several years. Recent work by the G.S.C. concludes that the coal from the Telkwa Basin represents a lacustrine deposit formed in an errosional depression.

MORICE RIVER COAL PROPERTY

The sedimentary basin lying within the valley of Denys Creek has an irregular, elliptical shape trending northeast and is 13,000 feet long and maximum of 6,000 feet wide. Elevations in the map area range from 3700 feet to 5500 feet.

The sedimentary rocks are generally soft and erode readily, consequently outcropping is sparse and generally restricted to steep-sided creeks along the flar of the basin. The actual contact between the sediments and the underlying volcanic was not exposed, but there is a noticeable steepening of the hill slope as the contact is crossed from sediments to volcanics.

LITHOLOGY

Sediments

⁴ The sediments consist of a variable series of mudstones, siltstones and greywackes, which attain a maximum thickness of about 1100 feet in the northeastern part of the basin. Diamond drilling has shown that the coal seams occur within the

lower 320 feet of the sedimentary sequence, but the thickness of the coal-bearing rocks varies considerably - in Diamond Drill Hole #1 it is 300 feet; in Diamond Drill Hole #2 - 220 feet and in Diamond Drill Hole #3 - 190 feet. The coal seams vary greatly in both frequency of occurrence and thickness - in D.D.H. #1, 13 seawere intersected; in D.D.H. #2 - 11 and in D.D.H. #3 - 8. Thickness ranges from 0.5 feet to 7.5 feet. This lateral and vertical variability in the coal is also found in the host sediments and consequently it is difficult to correlate either the coal seams or the lithological variations within the enclosing sediments.

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The dominant rock type within the sediments is a dark grey, soft mudstone, which crumbles readily upon exposure to the air. It only rarely displays any recognizable bedding, although it may be shaley in areas of strong deformation. Concretionary nodules of calcareous composition ranging in size from less than 1 inch to over a foot in diameter were noted, both in outcrop and in drill core within the mudstones at several different horizons. Fossils are frequently found within the mudstones and often appear associated with the nodules. Mudstones adjacent to coal seams are quite frequently highly carbonaceous and are, in some places, transitional with the coal.

The mudstones are transitional with fine grained, finely laminated and banded siltstones which in turn pass both laterally and vertically into fairly coarse grained, coarsely bedded, to massive greywackes. These greywackes are more competent and resistant to erosion than the finer grained mudstones and siltstones, but are not as widely developed.

It has not been possible to establish a sequence within the sedimentary units but there is a general tendency for decrease in grain size with depth and for the coal seams to occur within the finer grained mudstones.

Coal

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Detailed descriptions of the more important coal seams are given in the columnar logs accompanying this report. In general, the coal is predominantly dull black, usually well bedded, with fine laminae of brittle bright coal which usually becomes more abundant towards the foot wall of the seam. The seams are generally dirty with numerous shards, layers and occasional narrow bands of

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fireclay/calcareous mud. This is reflected by the high ash content of the coals. Pyrite is quite common as scattered fine blebs and films along slip planes. The coal seams have been partially affected by deformation and small scale folding and shearing, locally intense, is found in most of the seams. As mentioned above, correlation is difficult, but on the basis of drill hole data, probable upper, middle and lower seams are recognizable although the thicknesses vary in each section.

	<u>D.D.R. #1</u>	<u>D.D.H. #2</u>	<u>D.D.R. #3</u>
Upper Seam	5.8 feet	4.0 feet	abseat
Middle Seam	4.5 feet	1.0 feet	4,3 feet
Lower Seam	absent	2.4 feet	7,4 feet

Coal samples, obtained from these and other prominent seams, were forwarded to the Department of Energy, Mines & Resources at Edmonton and Ottawa for detailed analysis. Their results accompany this report.

Volcanics

The contact between the sediments and the underlying volcanics was not exposed on surface, but drill core evidence suggests an erosional contact. The volcanics consist of very variable pale to dark green and brown andesites and tuffs. Several outcrops of a pink, coarse grained granite, apparently intruding volcanics, were found on the upper slopes of the western side of the Denys Creek valley.

STRUCTURE

Surface mapping, aided by bulldozer trenching and diamond drilling, has shown that the sedimentary basin is considerably more complex in structure than was presumed by the early workers, although there is still insufficient data to provide a clear picture.

The overall structure is comprised of a series of parallel folds, the axis of which plunges gently to the northeast.

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The central long axis of the elliptical-shaped basin appears to coincide with the axis of an anticline flanked by complementary synclines. All the bulldozer trenches in the south and western part of the basin have revealed very tight folding and strong shearing with local over-folding and displacements. This suggests that there is probably considerable structural complication of the fold structure which the present, rather sparse, data indicates.

Numerous faults and shear zones have been observed in both outcrop and drill core and there is evident minor displacement in many places. However, no evidence was seen that would suggest major movements.

In view of the highly variable nature of the coal and its host sediments, and also because of the obvious complexity of the structure, it is highly conjectural that the correlation of coal outcrop and borehole intersections made by early workers has any validity.

CONCLUSIONS

Analysis of the coal samples, as reported by the Department of Energy, Mines & Resources, clearly indicates the reserves contained in the Morice River deposit have limited economic potential. The high ash and sulphur content and non-coking characteristics reported by the Department vary considerably from the results reported by earlier operators. In addition, data obtained from geological mapping, trenching and exploratory drilling programs suggests the sediments have been subjected to structural changes in the form of minor faulting and shearing. Consequently, continuity of lithologic horizons and individual coal seams over extensive areas is questionable. Underground mining operations would be costly and hazardous because of the incompetent mudstones which occupy the hanging wall and foot wall sections of the coal seams.

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In view of the foregoing, continued exploration is unwarranted and we therefore recommend the coal licences be surrendered as anniversary dates fall due.

R.E. Anderson .

R.E. Anderson Prof. Eng. - British Columbia

February 27, 1969.

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RANGE 5, COAST DISTRICT

LICENCE NO.	LOT NO.	ACRES	DATE ISSUED	EXPIRY DATE
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437	4808	640	. a	**
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439	4811	640		n
440	4810	640	. 11	71
441	4814	640	н	•
442	4815	640	н	Π
512	4807	640	Sept. 6, 1968	Sept. 6, 1969
513	4812	640	н	
514	4813	640	н	

Total Acreage

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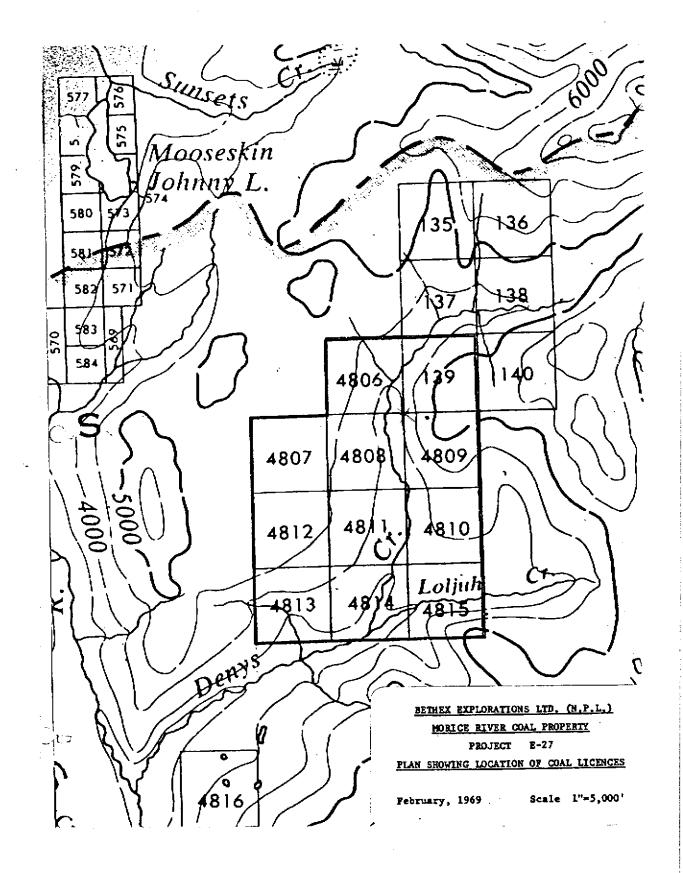
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7,040 acres

Prepaid Rentals @ 50 cents/acre - \$3,520.00

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Department of Energy, Mines and Resources Ministère de l'Énergie, des Mines et des Ressources

Mines Branch Direction des mines

File Number Nº à razoda

Fuels Research Centre 555 Booth Street Ottawa, Ontario February 10, 1969

Mr. R. E. Anderson Bethlehem Copper Corporation Limited Suite 1818 Marine Building 355 Burrard Street Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Further to my telex of December 13, 1968, this letter confirms that we have examined ten sectional samples by microscopy, and found four of these samples worthy of further examination.

After removing the ash from these four samples (Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 10), we examined the dilatation and then made a second microscopic examination. The dilatation tests show that this coal does not possess the proper fusing characteristics to produce metallurgical coke. The microscopic examination of the washed coal suggests that the reason for the lack of proper coking properties is the presence of too much fusinite and semi-fusinite and not due to oxidation or other related effects. The hole-core sample was divided into six inch longitudinal intervals, and the three best sections at the bottom were selected and the ash removed. Again the dilatation tests indicated lack of fusion, and the samples must therefore be classed as unsatisfactory from the coking point of view.

It is always possible that for economic or other reasons, your coal may find application, but the high sulphur | level of some samples suggests that acceptability will be difficult on that account. Mr. R. E. Anderson

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February 10, 1969

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We regret the delay in sending you the detailed results, but we have been involved in a relocation of our laboratories which has set back our program.

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Yours very truly,

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D. S. Montgomery, Head Fuels Research Centre -

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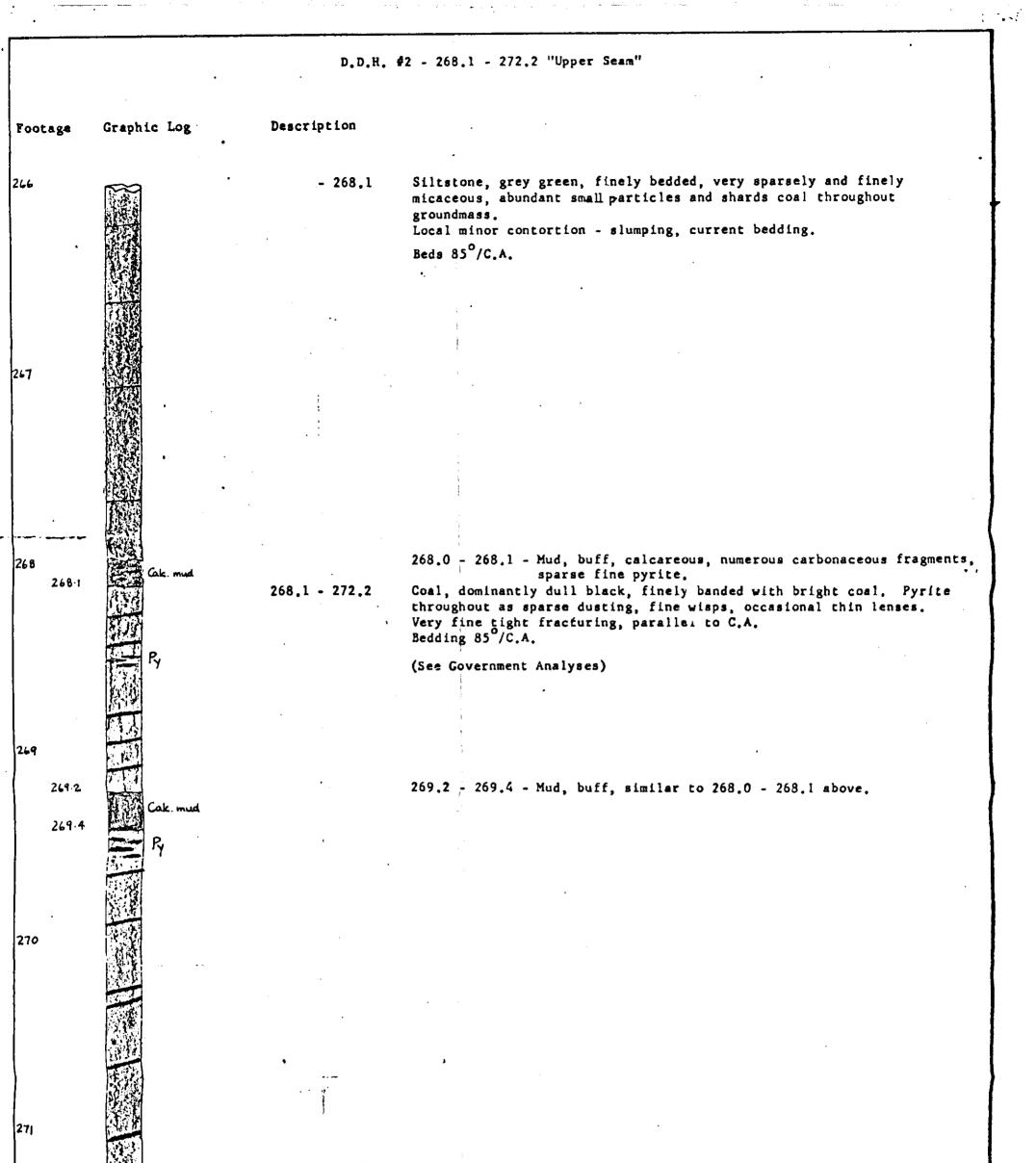
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ANALYSES OF DIAMOND DRILL HOLE CORE SAMPLES OF COAL FROM MORICE RIVER COAL PROPERTY SUBMITTED BY BETHLEHEM COPPER CORPORATION LIMITED (Central British Columbia Coal District, Telkwa Coalfield, Smithers, BC)

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Identification Date Received	22/12/68	22/12/68	22/12/68	22/12/68	22/12/68	22/12/68	22/12/68
Laboratory Number	2047-69	2048-69	2049-69	, -	2050-69	2051-69	2052-69
Description	· /	· · ·	J	./	-		_
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DDH No.	. 1	2	· 3	2.	1	2	2
	453.2 to	318.0 to	626.0 to	411.0 to	401.6 to	268.1 to	412.2 to
	456.5	320.0	633.6	412.2	403.5	272.2	412.8
Seam	UPPER .	MIDDLE	LOWER	LOWER	UPPER	UPPER	LOWER
<u>Classification</u>							
Specific Volatile Index	160	144*	161		163	158	*
Volatile Matter (dmmf)%	30.6	36.1	30.5		31.0	30.9	86.2*
Proximate Analysis (db)		\sim					
Ash	10.0	29.04	10.1	insufficient	21.6 -	20.5	82.0
Volatile Matter%	. 28.3 /	28.2 -	28,1 '	coal	26.6 -	26.1	14.3
Fixed Carbon	61.7	42.8	61.8	for snalyses	51.8	53.4	3.7
<u>Sulphur</u> (db)	0.85	5.42	0.49		3.69	1.82	3.73
Gross Calorific Value (dmmfb)Btu/lb	14,950	14,460	14,980		15,067	14,900	1,137
Free Swelling Index (ASTM)	1 1/2	1	1				
Ruhr Dilatometer	\sim						
Softening Point (Øs)°C	400	390	415	408	•		
Contraction (C)	18	22	15	7			
Dilatation							
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* Very difficult to determine a realistic value due to high ash levels and abnormal calorific values resulting from excessive oxidation.

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412.8 to	450.0 to	566.5 to
414.0	452.0	570.3
LOWER	UPPER	MIDDLE -
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150*	157*	153
40.7*	35.0*	32.9
53.1-	35.5 -	19.2 *
21.9	25.1	27.9+
25.0	39.4	52,9
3.61	3.28	0.81
14,716	14,920	14,750
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Fine fracturing, more intense over lower 0.5' of seam.

F.W. contact, irregular, transitional.

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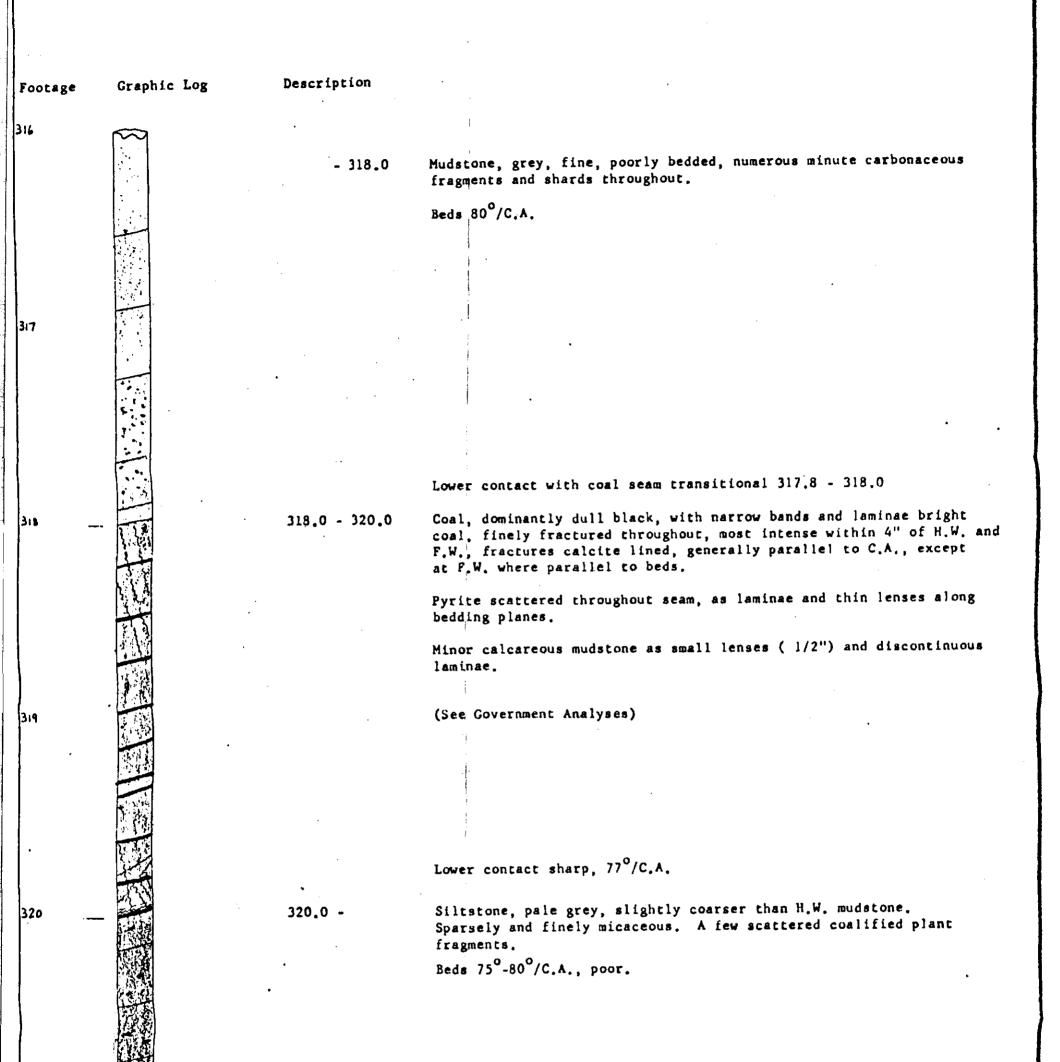
Mudstone, grey, fine grained, finely laminated, becoming more silty down hole

Beds 85°/C.A.

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D.D.H. #2 - 318' - 320' - Seam Approximately 35' Above Horizon of "Middle Seam"



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 Morice River Coal

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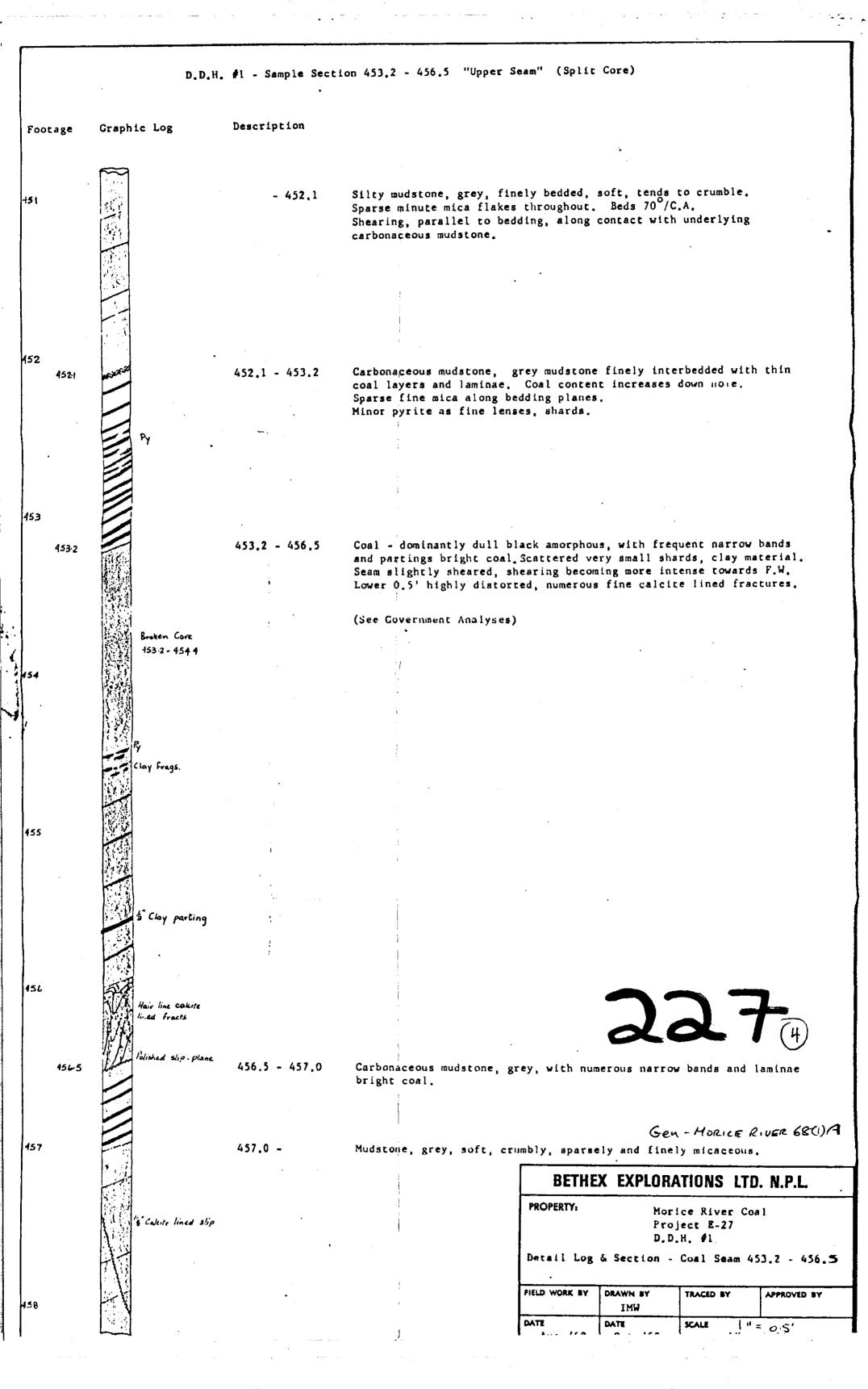
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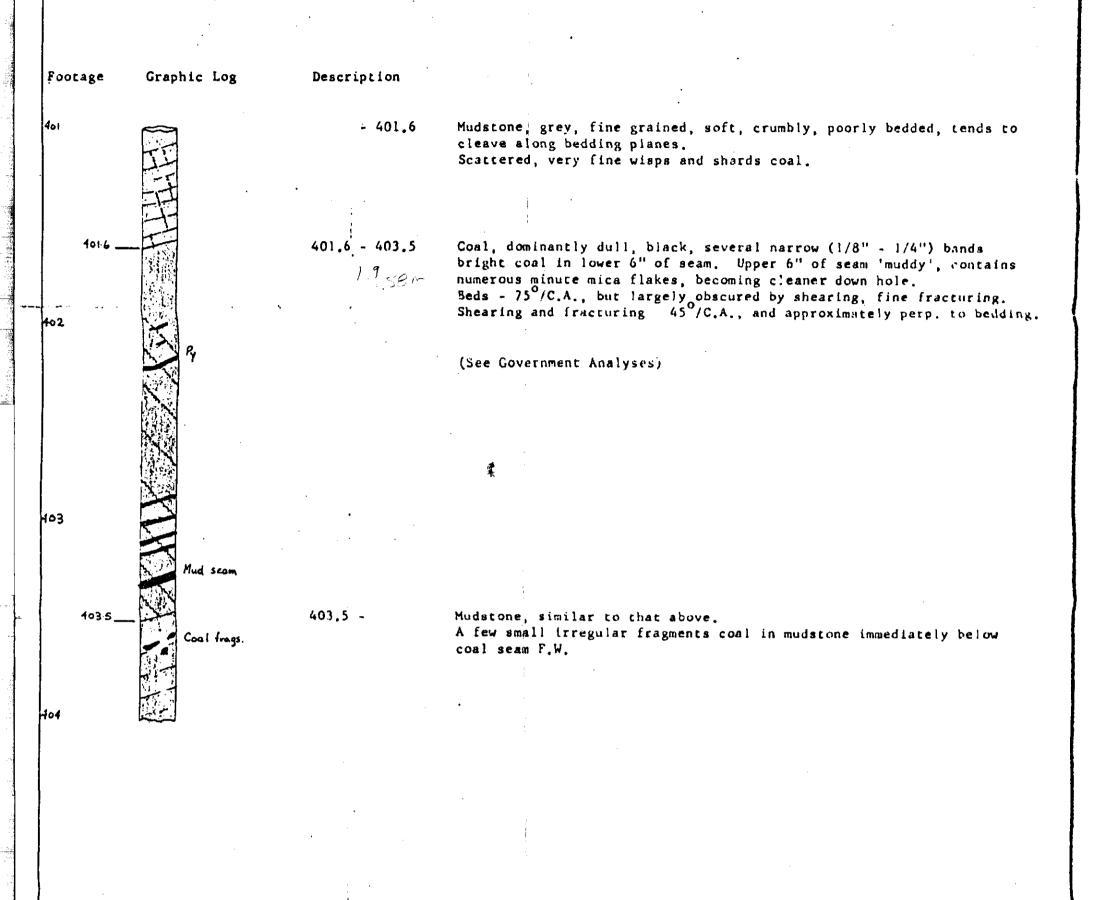
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D.D.H. #1 - Sample Section - 401.6 - 403.5 (Split Core) - Seam Approximately 50' Above Horizon of "Upper Seam"

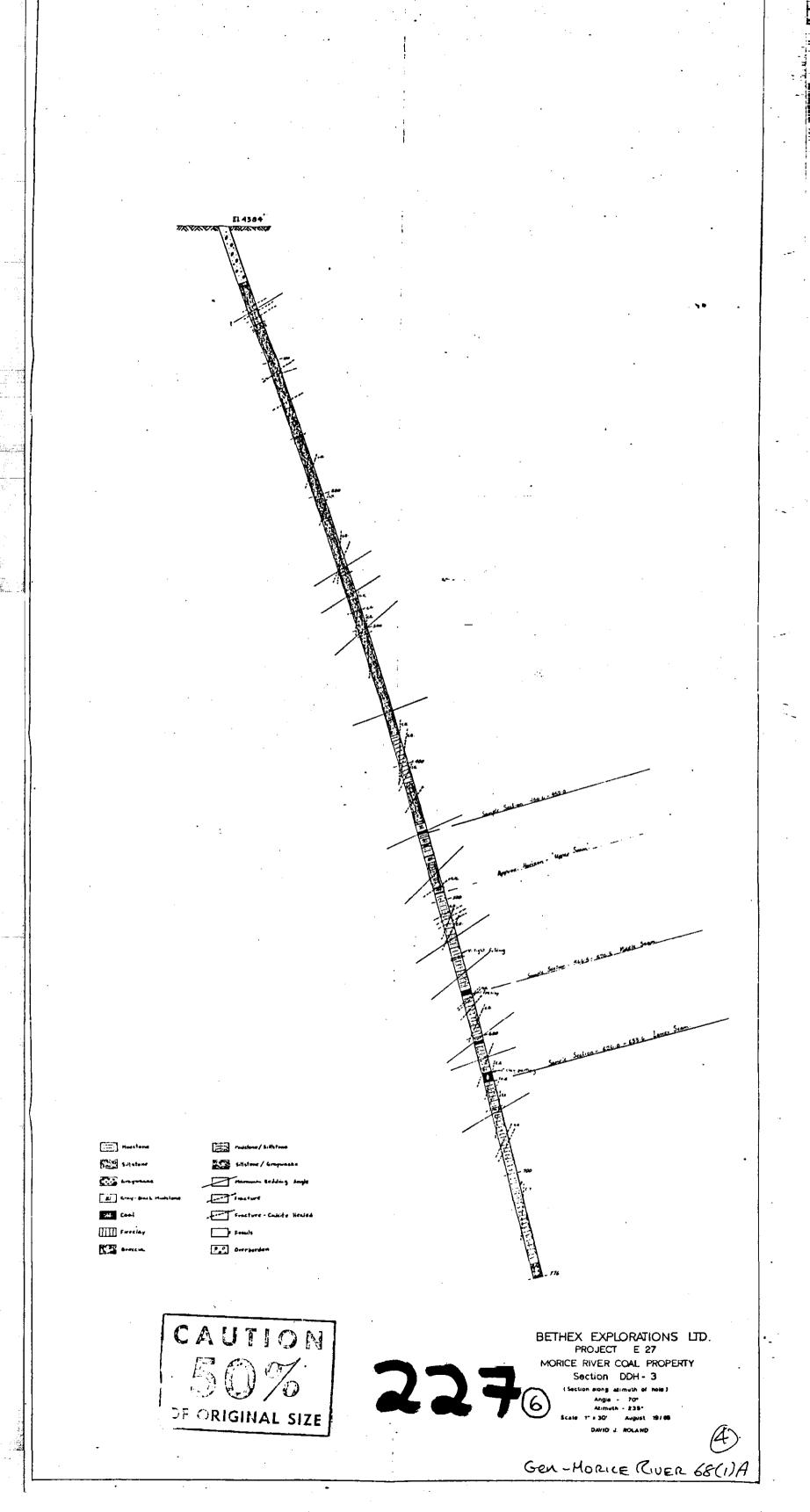


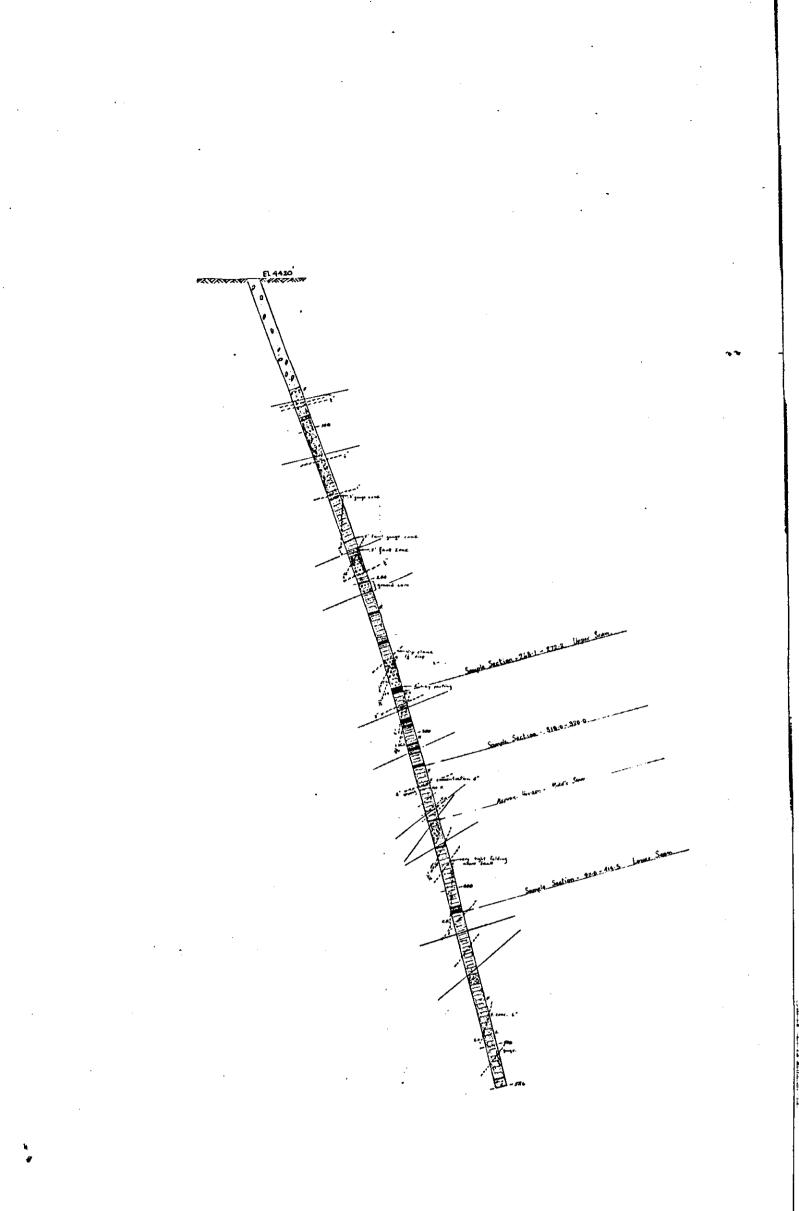


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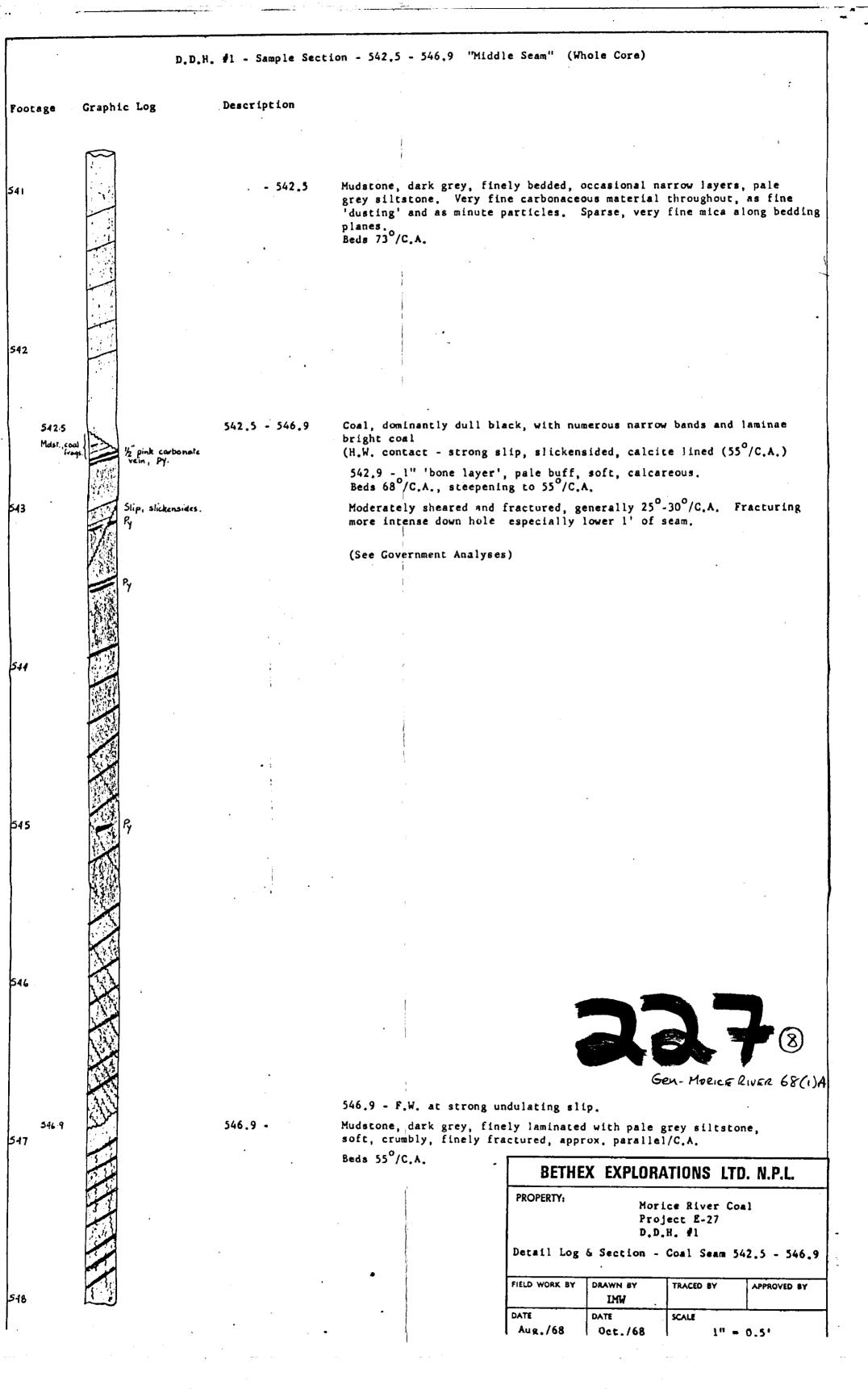
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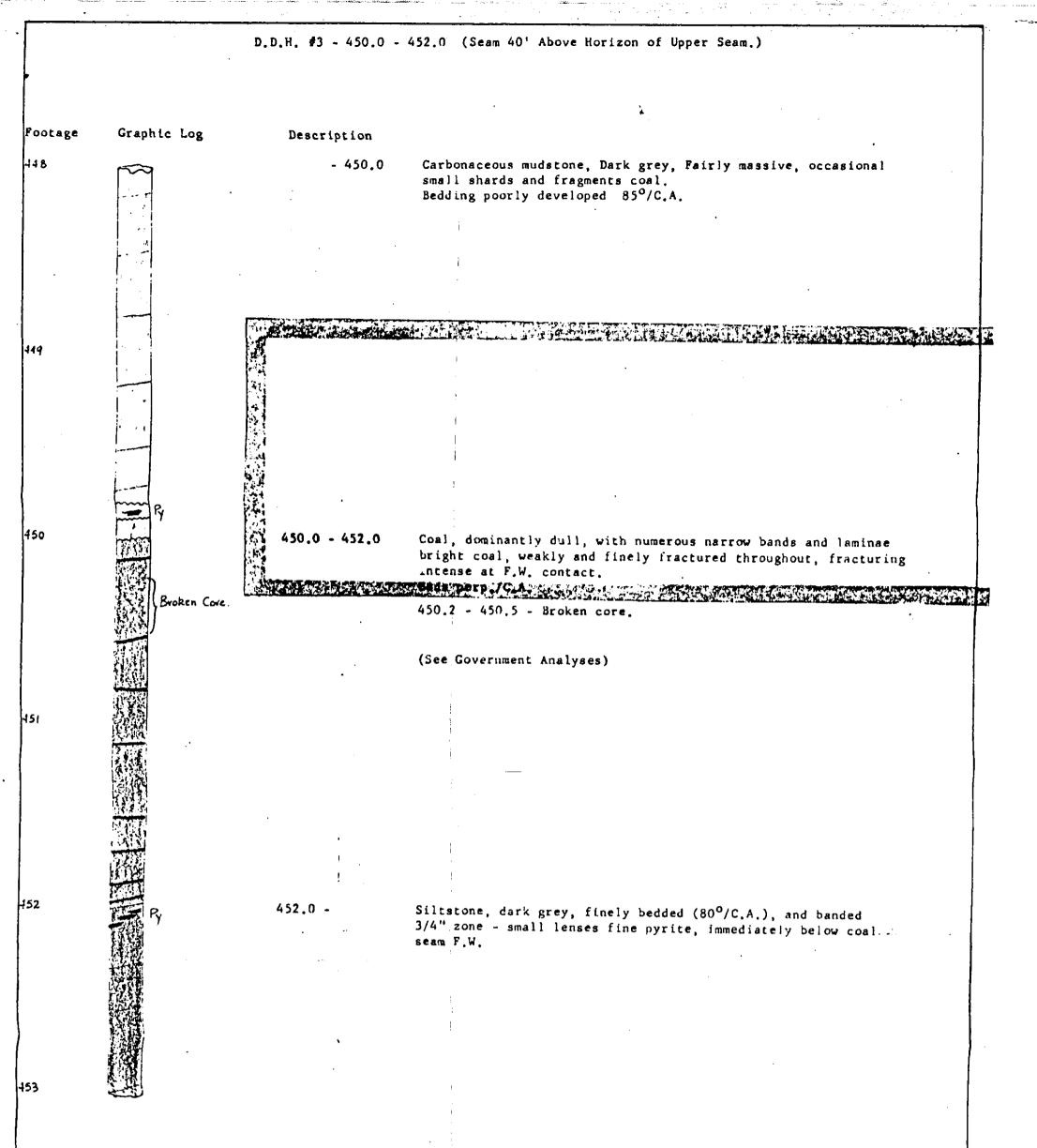


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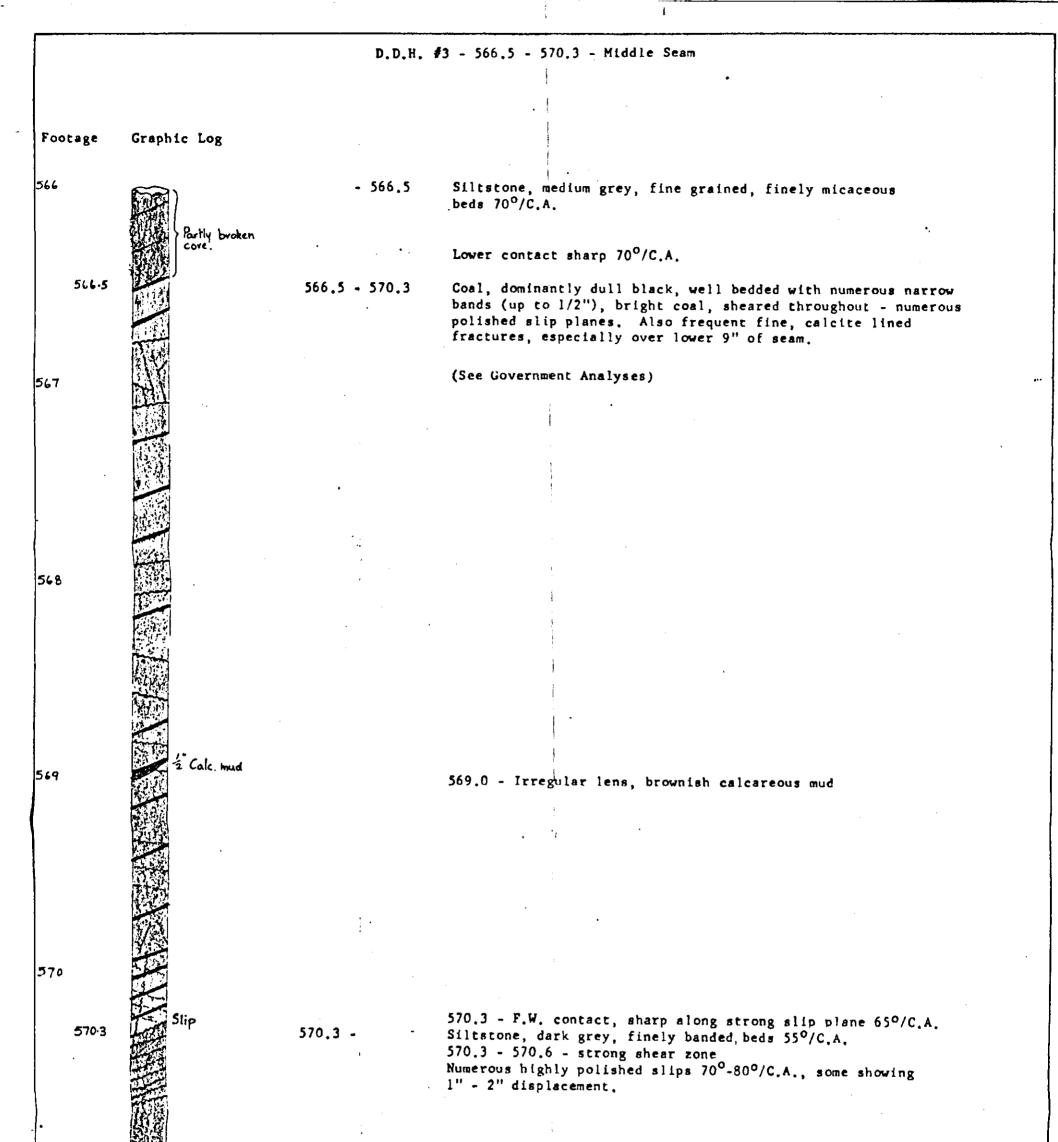
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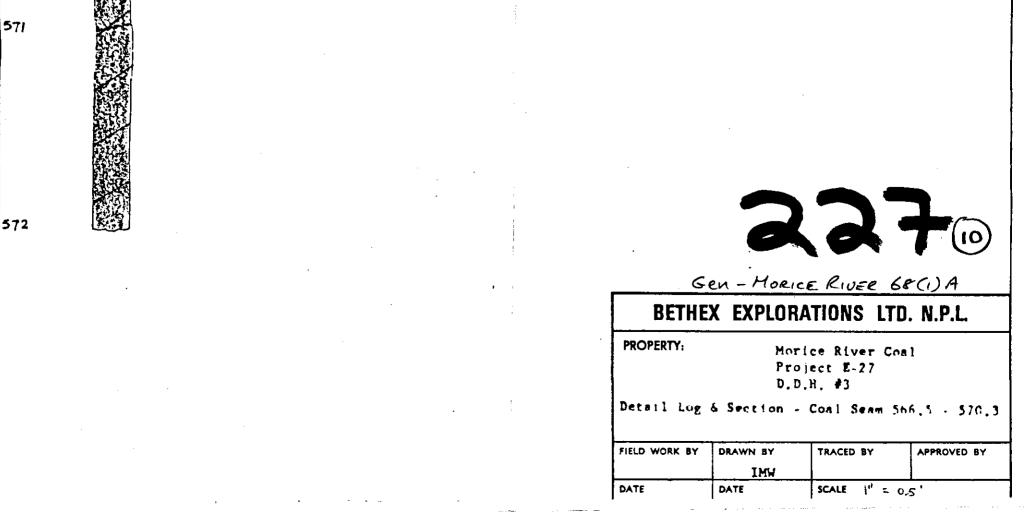
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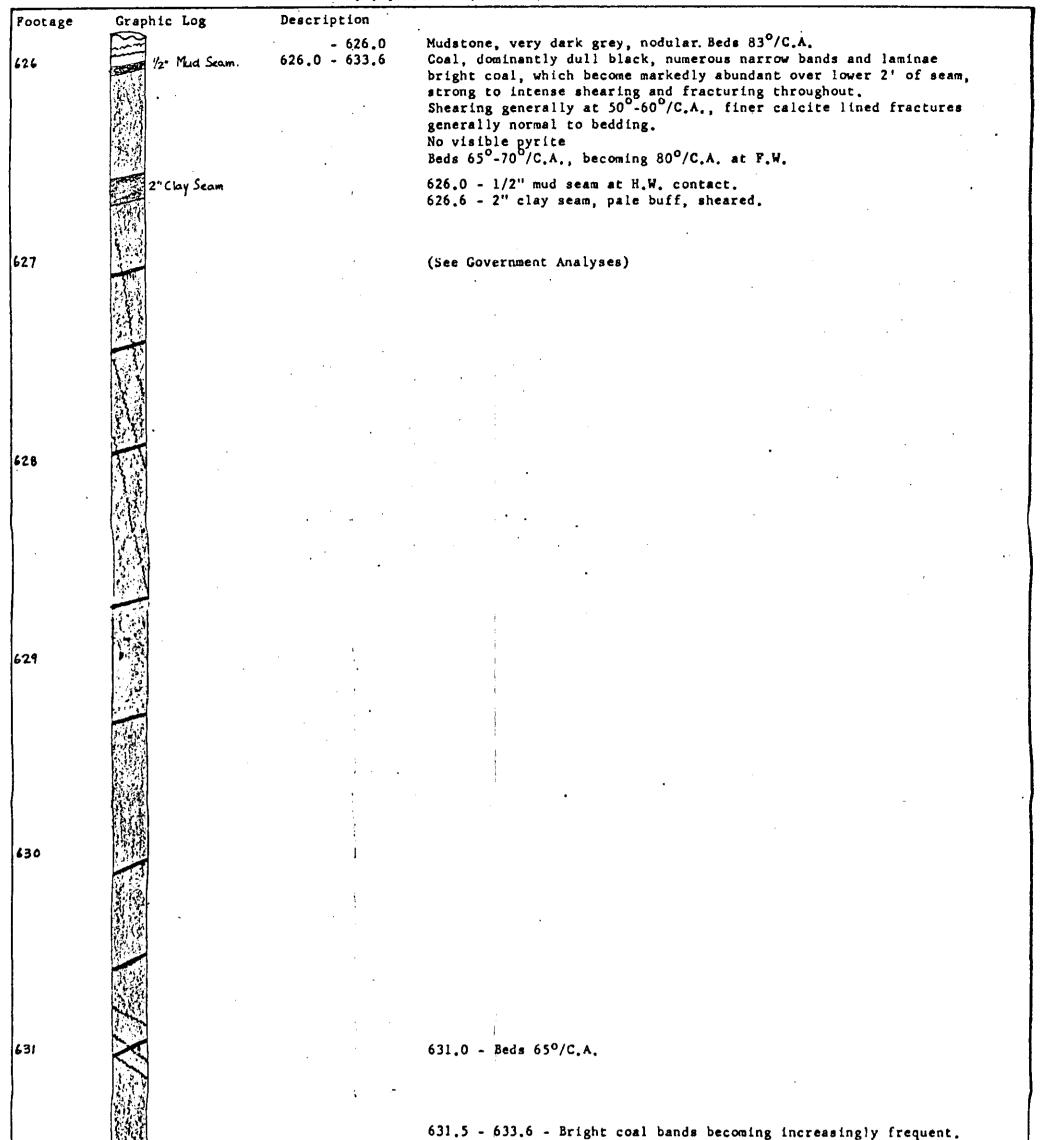
Morice River Coal Project E-27 D.D.H. #3

Detail Log & Section - Coal Seam 450.0 - 452.0

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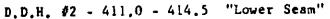


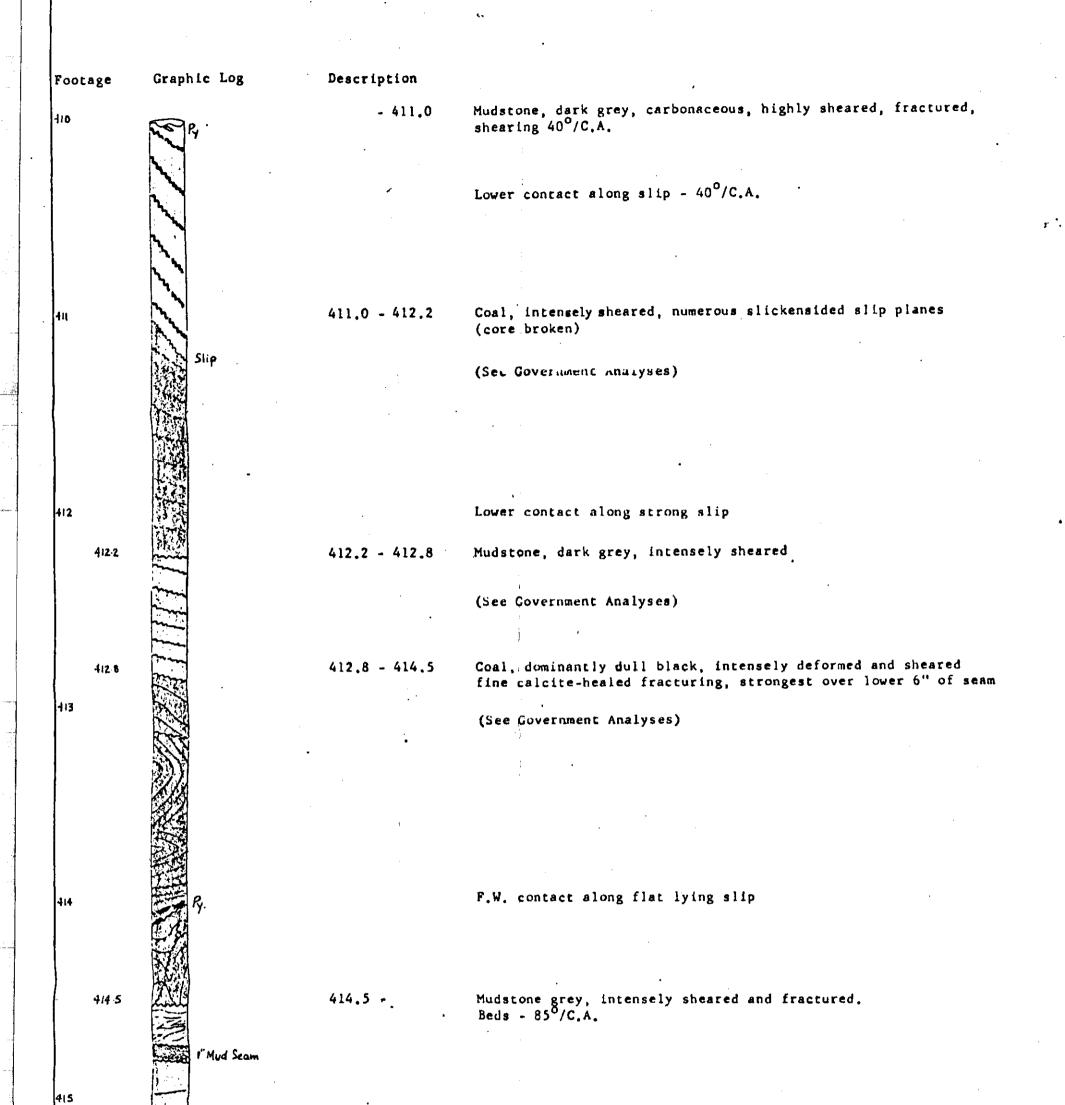




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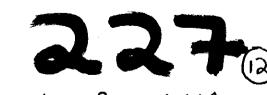
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