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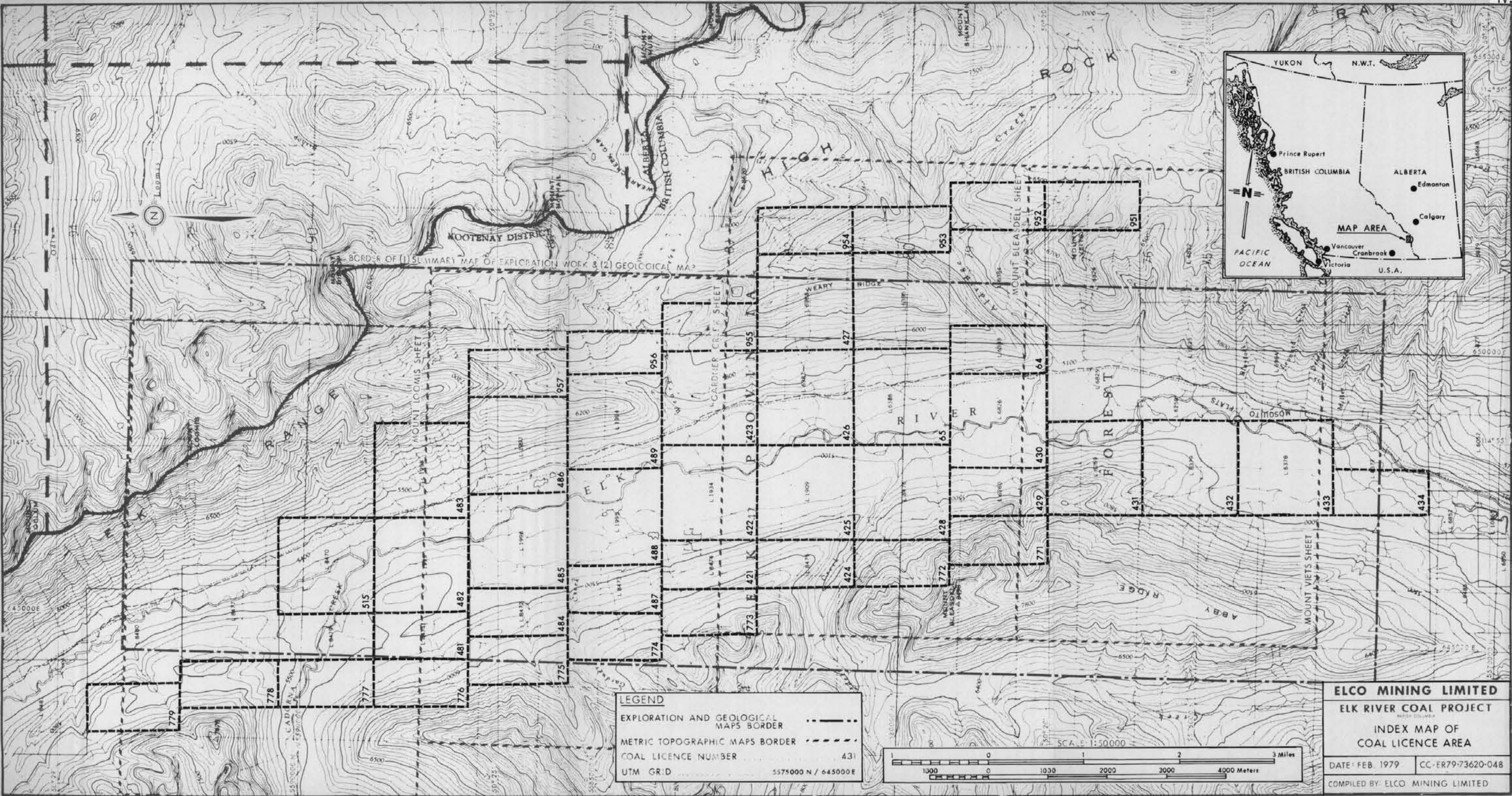
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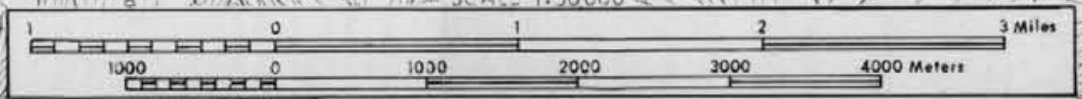
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## INTRODUCTION

This report is a summary of project development work carried out by Elco Mining Limited during the 1979 Term of Licence on the Elk River Coal Project. The report is based on work expenditures made between November 1, 1978 and October 31, 1979 rather than between the actual anniversary dates of December 5 each year. This procedure is followed because Elco's November month-end statement would not be completed in time for a December 5 report.

Field work such as geological mapping, aerial photography, ground control surveying, and environmental studies was carried out during this term. Because this work was usually a segment of a larger task, it has not been broken out of the main cost accounts and separately itemized on the "Application to Extend Term of Licence" forms as "On-Property" work. These work costs are included with the "Off-Property" costs.

## EXPLORATION SUPPORT WORK

### Mapping and Surveying

#### Establishment of Project Mapping System and Mine Grid System

The Elk River Project has seen many different surveys, map grids, exploration grids and mine grids established during the last ten years or so. Elco was at the stage where, for project development purposes, one overall mapping system and one adequate local mine reference grid system was required. A historical review of past systems in the form of a report has been established and is appended (see Appendix 1.0).

A UTM based Elco Mining Grid System for overall mapping purposes was adopted. Since previous exploration and mine grid systems proved inadequate for Elco's future mining operation, a new metric mine grid system, which would be tied into the existing survey system, was devised.

#### Phase Ib-3 Survey Planning

A Phase Ib-3 (1980 engineering phase) surveying work scope was planned and produced during the 1979 term. In general, this was a detailed outline of possible ground surveys which would be required to support the Phase Ib-3 geotechnical investigations and the follow-up preliminary design work.

The following surveys were planned for:

- A high order control network to be established between Elkford and the mine site.
- A mine operations control network.
- Ground surveys for all on-site and infrastructure development items.

#### Aerial Mapping of Access Road and Railway Routes

It was estimated that the amount of ground surveying, originally thought necessary for preliminary design work on the access road and railway routes, could be possibly reduced by updated and well controlled aerial mapping.

In order to verify this possibility, aerial photography was carried out along the routes in May 1979. From this, it was found that preliminary design work could be carried out for most of the access road and railway routes on the new aerial mapping. Elco then commissioned Underhill Engineering Ltd. to establish the necessary ground control. This work was completed during October 1979. The network established between the Elco mine site and Elkford is a high order control system and will be strong enough to control the future engineering work. The control diagram for this survey was appended to this report as Appendix 2. Strip mapping of the railway and access road routes, however, will not be undertaken until after March 1980 at the earliest.

## Geological Assessment and Field Work

### Mine Planning Support

With the establishment of a new metric mine grid system (as reported earlier), a mine bench plan system referenced to this grid was established. Elco geologists are now in the process of transferring the geological data onto these plans for subsequent mine engineering purposes.

In preparation for the transfer of geological data to the bench plans, considerable time has been spent conducting detailed studies of the geophysical borehole logs. In addition to checking seam correlations, other such mine related information as detailed lithology, aquiferous zones, and rock porosity which is related to rock fabric and in turn to rock mineability, are being obtained.

### Investigations into Contemporary Sample Analysis and Geological Data Processing Techniques

Investigations have been carried out on a new technique known as "neutron activation analysis" for coal and mineral samples of unknown composition. This technique is particularly useful for trace element analysis. Elco is interested in whether this analysis could be useful for seam correlation purposes on its multi-seam deposit. Furthermore Elco has investigated the capabilities of a geological and mine planning data control system known as the "Multi-Seam Coal Deposit Evaluation System" (MSCDES). This system was originally designed for thermal coal deposits, but additional programs are being developed to handle coking coal quality and washability data.

### Geological Mapping

Past geological mapping for the Elk River Coal Project was restricted to the central coal licence area. Recent developments required Elco to investigate the general geology in the southwest of its licence area.

Elco geologists began further investigations with an air photo study of the southern portion of the Elk River coal licences which, to date, have not been mapped. This photo study was extended south to the Forsyth Creek and Greenhills areas. Success at identifying the main boundaries of the Kootenay Formation in these areas, however, was mainly restricted to the east side of the Elk River.

In preparation for a possible exploration program in the Bleasdel Creek area on the west flank of the Elk River valley, Elco geologists extended their photo mapping to this part of the licence area.

The photo mapping was followed up by a field mapping program late in October 1979. The objectives of this program were:

1. To obtain more detailed information on the structures of the west flank area, and in particular, a "thrust" zone, where a large tectonically thickened outcrop of coal has been observed.
2. To trace the main boundaries and structures of the Kootenay Formation in the southern licence area to tie in with geological information produced by the Fording Coal Co. Ltd.

Results of the field work are being prepared on 1:10,000 scale maps and was appended to this report as Appendix 3.0.

### Geotechnical Planning

Preliminary geotechnical planning, which was started at the close of the 1978 report period, was expanded into detailed planning in 1979. Geotechnical investigations have been broken into two separate areas. These are:

Mine Related Rock Slope Investigations - four to five months of work have been planned. This work would include pump tests and piezometric monitoring of the Kootenay Basal Sandstone which forms the footwall of the planned open

pit. Should previous cores provide insufficient data, then additional diamond core drilling will be carried out. Core studies will provide rock strength and bedding plane joint fracture information. Also, detailed structural field mapping will be carried out throughout the entire mine area. The data collected during this work phase will provide the information necessary for final pit design.

Other Geotechnical Investigations - nearly five months field work is involved here. This work includes detailed foundation and ground water regime investigations on the following:

- railway,
- access road/Forest Service bypass road,
- river diversion channel and dams,
- waste dumps,
- settling ponds,
- tailings ponds,
- plant site.

The results of these investigations will provide the information necessary for final engineering design.

#### Exploration Reclamation

The previous exploration reclamation work was evaluated in the field during this term. The reclamation maintenance work carried out on two trenches last fall has taken care of the erosion problems. Agronomic species cover is good and there is significant colonization by native species.

Reclamation Permit C-49 was renewed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources this year.

Work on the Stage III Reclamation Programme is described later.



### Exploration Permits and Government Work

Time was spent in 1979 on exploration permit acquisition and government report preparation. The following is a list of these activities:

- renewal of Free Miner's Certificate (MEMPR)
- extending term of coal licences (MEMPR)
- annual exploration and development work report (MEMPR)
- annual summary of exploration work (MEMPR)
- annual reserve estimate report (EMR)
- status report on exploration adits and drill holes (MEMPR)
- annual reclamation report (MEMPR)

In addition to the above annual reporting activities, time was spent on the following:

Proposed Amendments to the B.C. Coal Act Regulations - the proposed amendments were reviewed and a brief was prepared for the Coal Association which, in turn, conveyed to the Ministry of Mines opinions of the B.C. coal industry in general.

Coal Lease - Section 26, Coal Act - preliminary investigations into the requirements and procedures for the application of a coal lease were begun, however this has not been pursued any further since it was determined that the Section 7 (CMRA) Mine Work Permit should be obtained first.

Mine Work Permit - Section 7, Coal Mines Regulations Act - an investigation was carried out in order to prove that the proposed surface installations would not sterilize coal reserves.

Notice of Work - was filed with the B.C. Department of Mines and other appropriate ministries for the purpose of conducting a small drilling and trenching program in the Bleasdel Creek area. This work will be carried out after approval by Elco's shareholders.

## PROJECT APPROVAL AND DEVELOPMENT WORK

### Project Approval Work

#### Stage II Report Processing and Follow-up

Having submitted the Stage II report on the Elk River Coal Project on August 28, 1978, Elco carried out a significant amount of additional work at the request of reviewing government agencies during the last two months of 1978 and during the 1979 term. Additional information was presented to the sub-committees of the Coal Guidelines Steering Committee.

Major presentations were:

1. A technical presentation relative to Section 7 of the Coal Mines Regulations Act to the Mines Inspection and Mines Reclamation Branches of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources on January 17, 1979. The presentation covered the following topics:
  - technical necessities for river/creek diversions,
  - rationale for rejecting underground mining,
  - possible sterilization of coal reserves by overlying facilities,
  - feasibility of the proposed pit boundaries with regard to the slope stability,
  - justification to place coarse plant rejects in mine waste disposals,
  - maximization of coal recovery by the proposed mining procedure.
2. At the request of the Coal Guidelines Steering Committee, community consultation programs were conducted for the purpose of obtaining public opinion on the Elk River Project from the Elk Valley communities of Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie and Cranbrook.

A public information brochure describing the Elk River Coal Project in some detail was distributed to all interested parties in the above communities.

3. After Elco received its Stage II approval-in-principle, the draft report was amended as required for the approval and the report printed and placed in the public domain.

### Stage III Permit Work

On February 22, 1979 the Environment and Land Use Committee of the B.C. Cabinet gave approval-in-principle to the Elk River Coal Project. Subject to the approval-in-principle, an additional programme of Stage III work was agreed to by Elco Mining Limited and B.C. Government agencies. To date progress was made as follows:

1. Elco retained Kerr, Wood and Leidal Associates of Vancouver to produce a conceptual river diversion design for the Elk River. The design was concentrated on fish migration, fish spawning, fish rearing and siltation suppression. The design was reviewed and approved by the Mine Site Design Advisory Committee subject to concurrence by the Fish and Wildlife Branch.
2. A literature review of fish habitat preferences was completed.
3. An in-stream "swim survey" of fish habitats was made in the Elk River during the fall by T.E.C. Ltd. of Richmond, B.C.
4. To resolve the town site selection problem, a cost/benefit analysis assessment on the expansion of Elkford versus new town construction was jointly carried out by Elco and two government subcommittees.

Various Stage III permits were prepared and filed with the B.C. Government during this term of licence. These were as follows:

1. Pollution Control Branch Discharge Permits - discussions with PCB staff in December 1978 established the consensus relative to the format for Elco's applications, the preproduction and production monitoring for discharges to air and water, and the discharge limits that could be applied for. Several technical questions were

investigated by Elco relative to preparation plant effluent, tailings pond seepage, whether or not non-potable water could be obtained from the mine water settling pond, the discharge of plant site sewage to the tailings pond, and tailings disposal should the tailings thickener malfunction during winter operations.

Having resolved these questions, Elco completed the applications and filed them with the Director, Pollution Control Branch on May 25, 1979. The required postings were made in the field on the same date.

2. Section 8, Coal Mines Regulation Act - Reclamation Programme - the application was filed with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in April 1979. Approval-in-principle was subsequently received.
3. Section 7, Coal Mines Regulation Act - Work System Permit - as a follow-up to the January 17, 1979 Elco presentation to the Mines Inspection and Reclamation Branches, a formal application for approval of a Working System was made in April 1979. Following the application, the Chief Inspector of Mines requested more information on the following:
  - planning of geotechnical investigations to assess the stability of the footwall,
  - full details on method of support of the footwall,
  - method of protection from avalanches, falling rocks and drainage of the footwall,
  - full details of the proposals for the Elk River diversion including provisions to ensure that there can be no danger to persons working in the mine resulting from the diversion,
  - construction and stability of the waste disposals and tailings ponds.

Answers to these questions, based on present knowledge and on planned geotechnical investigations, were forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Mines in July 1979.

Response from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has indicated that the approval of the "Work System" would only be given after Elco's planned geotechnical investigations had been carried out and incorporated into the proposed "Work System".

4. Water Sector Permits - preparations of the applications for these permits began in May 1979, but had to be suspended due to the extra work load created by the townsite selection question. These activities will be renewed at the end of 1979.

### Engineering Development Work

#### Mine

The majority of the work carried out in this area involved the Section 7 Coal Mines Regulations Act permit application and, budgeting and scheduling, which is described later in this report.

There was, however, other work performed in this area. This included:

1. The updating of cost and performance data used during the Feasibility Study. The main manufacturers for heavy equipment were contacted for this data.
2. An alternative solution to the proposed Weary Creek diversion was investigated. The matter will be discussed further with the Mines Inspection Branch.
3. A scope of work, including costs and schedules for the investigation of a coal operation on the West Flank of the Elk River Valley was prepared.

#### Coal Preparation

The majority of the work in this area involved investigations for PCB permit applications and for 1980 budgets and schedules.

Other work, however, did include the completion of flotation tests, and an investigation for the recovery of coal from middlings by crushing, on Fording Coal Ltd. coal samples at Rohstofftechnologie, Overseas Engineering GmbH in Berlin, West Germany.

### Railway

Discussions were held with CP Rail's Department of Special Projects in order to obtain reliable information on:

- time and work requirements for the railway permit and application procedures,
- time requirements for construction work.

The location of the Elco spur line was discussed with neighbouring mine operators.

### Port

Investigations were carried out on alternative terminal options open to Elco for its future coal shipments.

### Off-site Power Supply

The increasing demand for power in the East Kootenay region relative to the delayed development of the tie between Calgary Power and B.C. Hydro is a subject of great concern and required substantial attention.

### Town Site

A significant programme of analytical studies was completed relative to the town site selection problem, including helicopter commuting, financial feasibility, economic effects and turnover rates.

### Stream Gauging

Elco continued stream gauging for the Elk River Project at five locations. An intensive monitoring programme was carried out from May 29 through June 11, 1979 for the spring high flow period. A summary report covering April 1977 to December 1978 was forwarded to interested government agencies.

### Climatic Monitoring

Elco contracted the MEP Co. to install two climatic monitoring stations during May 1979 at locations agreed to with the Pollution Control Branch. MEP will also operate, maintain and undertake data abstraction for Elco.

### Dustfall Monitoring

As requested by the Pollution Control Branch, monthly monitoring of eight dustfall stations commenced in June 1979.

### Project Planning and Development

The main objectives of Elco Mining Limited during the past year were:

- Acquire Stage II approval and secure Stage III permits,
- Negotiate and secure contract arrangements with shippers and the general contractors,
- Discuss with government, various tax and assistance benefits,
- Plan and budget the next engineering work phase (Phase Ib-3, 1980),
- Plan and evaluate various development and production schedules,
- Carry out project promotion with potential new customers and partners.

### Negotiations and Government Liaison Work

Elco, with help from consultants, continued amendment work on the Service Agreements and the fixation of the construction fee in preparation for the forthcoming contract negotiations with Morrison-Knudsen.

Intense negotiations were carried out between Elco and consultants and CP Rail in order to establish a final freight rate and future escalation formulas for the transport of Elk River coal to port.

Discussions continued with the Federal Government to seek potential government financial support in the form of infrastructure cost sharing, grants and tax concessions.

In compliance with FIRA regulations, a project update was completed.

Studies were made to determine the net effect that the November 16, 1978 federal budget would have on the Elk River Coal Project.

#### Scheduling and Progress Control

Phase Ib-3 - detailed planning of this work phase began in March 1979. A list of all foreseeable work activities up to the beginning of construction were identified. Detailed work proposals, time requirements and cost estimates were obtained from representative contractors and consulting firms. A network plan and bar charts showing work interfaces and milestones were established. This network plan was the basis for the establishment of Elco's next budget.

#### Project Presentations and Marketing Promotions

Elco made four presentations of the Elk River Coal Project to visiting potential coal customers and/or potential Joint Venture Partners during this term of licence. Coking coal quality and thermal coal potential were emphasized.

#### Other

Elco participated in the East Kootenay Community College Advisory Committee, whose task is related to the definition of training requirements and programs for the existing and planned coal mines in the region.





A REPORT ON  
THE ELK RIVER GRID/BASELINE SYSTEMS



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## INTRODUCTION

The Elk River Coal Project, like many other mining properties, has accumulated various mapping systems and baseline control systems throughout the exploration stage(s). Also, like many other properties after which feasibility studies have proven the viability of the deposit, accurate mine mapping and baseline control systems on which detailed planning and operations control can be carried out must be established.

In some cases, mapping and baseline systems established during the exploration stage(s) could be adopted as the mine control systems. This is only the case where the following conditions are met:

1. The original mapping system has sufficient ground control and can produce maps with the required accuracy.
2. The exploration baseline system is orientated parallel to structural strike and also today, where data bases are increasingly used to store and evaluate geological data, it is advantageous to locate the baseline such that all measurements are positive, that is, in northerly and easterly directions.

In the case of the Elk River Project, these conditions were not met and consequently additional, more up-to-date aerial mapping was carried out in late 1976 when Elco Mining Limited began a major feasibility study and exploration program on this property. During the feasibility study, a new metric Mine Baseline System was designed for the purpose of developing a bench map system and providing future mine operations control.

### Purpose of this Report

Due to the lack of readily accessible, detailed information on the different Elk River grid and baseline systems, it became the purpose of this report to make available a current detailed chronicle and information document from which future references could be made.

The sources for this report include the following:

- personal conversations and correspondence with the service companies that had been involved in this work,
- old files of letters and telexes dealing with the subject,
- Elco's Elk River Feasibility Report.

### Objectives of the Study

There are two main objectives for this study:

1. The first is to prepare a detailed documentation of the various survey and map systems that have been developed and planned for the Elk River Project to date.
2. The second is to examine the first metric Mine Baseline System design, and, because of certain problems encountered with that design, recommend an alternate system which would incorporate both the corrections required on the first design and, cover all future requirements within the total licence area.

### Review of Mapping and Survey Control System Development

Mapping and control was first established for the Elk River coal licences in 1968 when the North American Coal Company optioned the licences from Scurry-Rainbow Oil Ltd. Aerial photography was completed by Spartan Air Services and a base map at 1 inch = 1000 feet with 20 foot contours of the property was prepared. An exploration baseline system was developed on which field work could be referenced.

In 1969, when North American did not extend its option, Scurry-Rainbow continued exploration. A control network and grid system, known as the MSEL Grid System, was extended to the Elk River licences from the Fording Coal Ltd. operation by McElhanney Surveying and Engineering Ltd. McElhanney updated and enlarged the 1968 base map to cover the entire licence area at a scale of 1 inch = 1000 feet with a 20 foot contour inter-

val. A portion of Scurry's envisioned mine area was mapped at 1 inch = 200 feet with a 5 foot contour interval. Field work was referenced to the North American "Exploration Baseline".

In December 1969, Emkay Canada Natural Resources Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Morrison-Knudsen Company Inc., acquired one-half interest of the Scurry-Rainbow licences. Exploration under the direction of Emkay resumed in July 1970. The mapping prepared by McElhanney in the 1969 exploration program was used in the Emkay program. Additional aerial photography and ground surveys were carried out for mapping of the proposed railway spur location south to Sparwood. Strip maps at scale of 1 inch = 1000 feet with a 20 foot contour interval were prepared. In 1970, McElhanney ran a vertical control survey up the Elk River Valley, beginning at Geodetic Bench Mark No. 115-D, located on the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over Michel Creek. Bench marks were placed at approximately one mile intervals, running north along the road on the west side of the Elk River. During this program Emkay's field work was referenced to both the Exploration Baseline and the MSEL grid system. At this time MSEL grid values were determined for the Exploration Baseline Stations.

In December 1973, Exploration und Bergbau GmbH (E and B) of Duesseldorf, West Germany, acting on behalf of a group of European steel mills, commenced negotiations to purchase Morrison-Knudsen's interest in the Elk River Coal Project. Negotiations were concluded in May 1975, when an agreement to acquire Morrison-Knudsen's 50% interest was reached. During the negotiations period, E and B contracted Techman Ltd. to carry out mining evaluations of the property. Requiring a good base map on which various mining schemes could be tested, Techman in turn contracted McElhanney to prepare a base map at a scale of 1 inch = 400 feet with a 10 foot contour interval. The main axis of the map was set parallel to a mine baseline which Techman had established for their evaluation work.

In July 1975, E and B undertook an exploration program (prefeasibility study), designed to evaluate the coal quality and the reserve potential of the Elk River deposit, in order to determine if these parameters met the requirements of the European steel mills. All field work was referenced

to the Exploration Baseline and recorded on the 1 inch = 1000 feet base maps. Burnett Resource Surveys Ltd. and McElhanney Surveying & Engineering Ltd. were contracted to carry out the field surveying, however, there were ten exploration drill holes that did not receive final surveys.

In June 1976, a Joint Venture Agreement was finalized between Elco Mining Limited, a Canadian company formed to represent the European steel mills, and three other Canadian companies, Home Oil Limited, Scurry-Rainbow Oil Limited and Steel Company of Canada Limited. Elco Mining Limited would be the Project Manager.

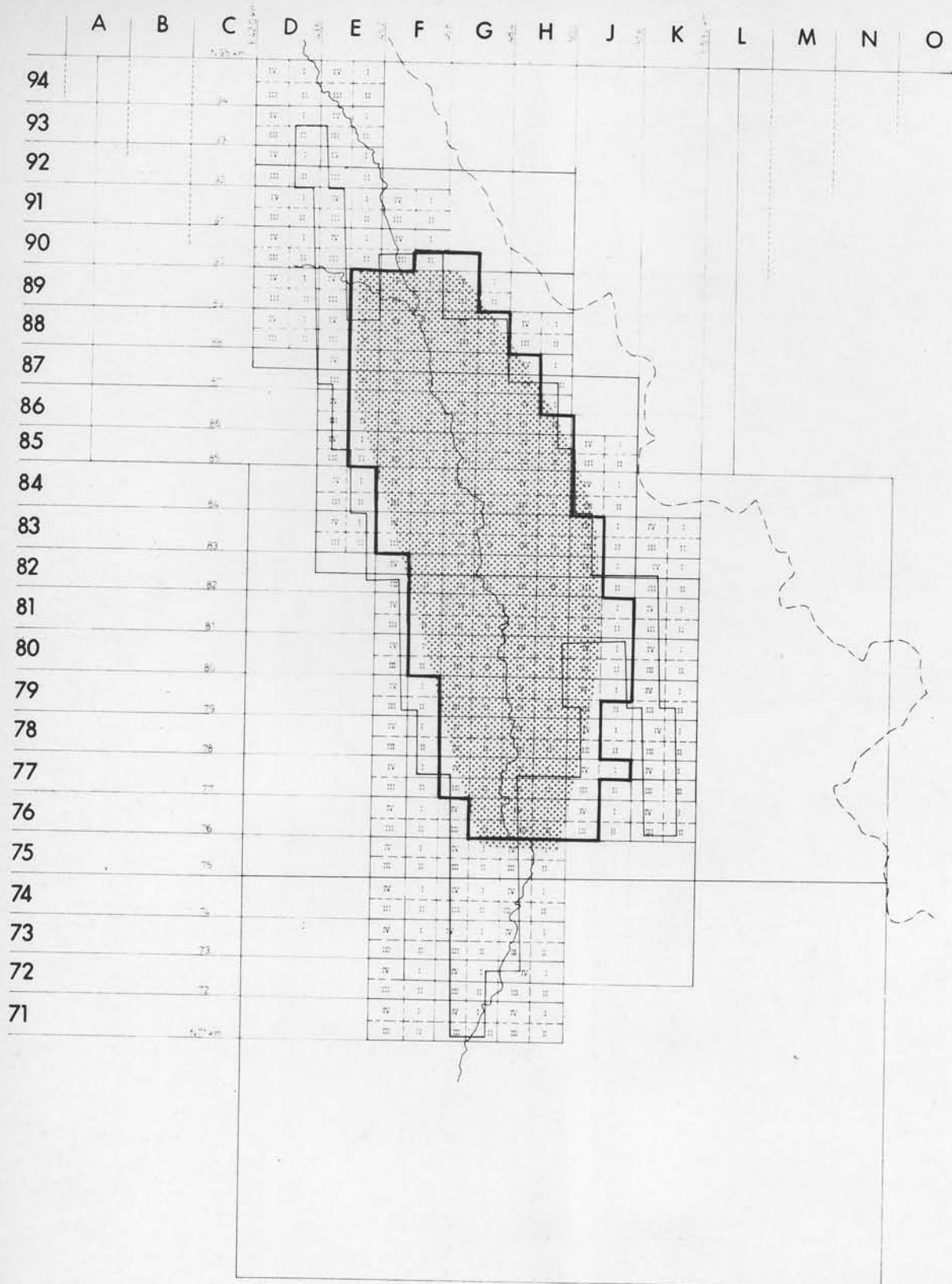
In October 1976, a major feasibility study and exploration program was begun by Elco. A new metric control network and grid system, known as the Elco Mining Grid System (EMGS) was developed along with new metric base maps. The EMGS was tied to both local Federal Government UTM control and the earlier MSEL control. This enabled the coordinates from the earlier systems to be converted to the new metric system. The new metric base maps were prepared at the following scales:

1:1000	with 2 meter contour intervals
1:2000	with 5 meter contour intervals
1:5000	with 10 meter contour intervals
1:10000	with 25 meter contour intervals
1:20000	with 50 meter contour intervals

These maps, however, did not cover the entire licence area. The eastern, western, northern and southern portions of the licence area remain unmapped at these scales, see Figures 1.0 to 5.0 inclusive. Additional strip maps, at 1 inch = 1000 feet with a 20 foot contour interval were prepared for the potential railway lines, one of which Elco would select as the best possible route. Total 1 inch = 1000 feet mapping to date is shown on Figure 6.0, page 10.

The aerial photography, network control surveying, field surveying, and the initial aerial triangulation was carried out by McElhanney. Final aerial triangulation was performed by Rheinische Braunkohlenwerke AG





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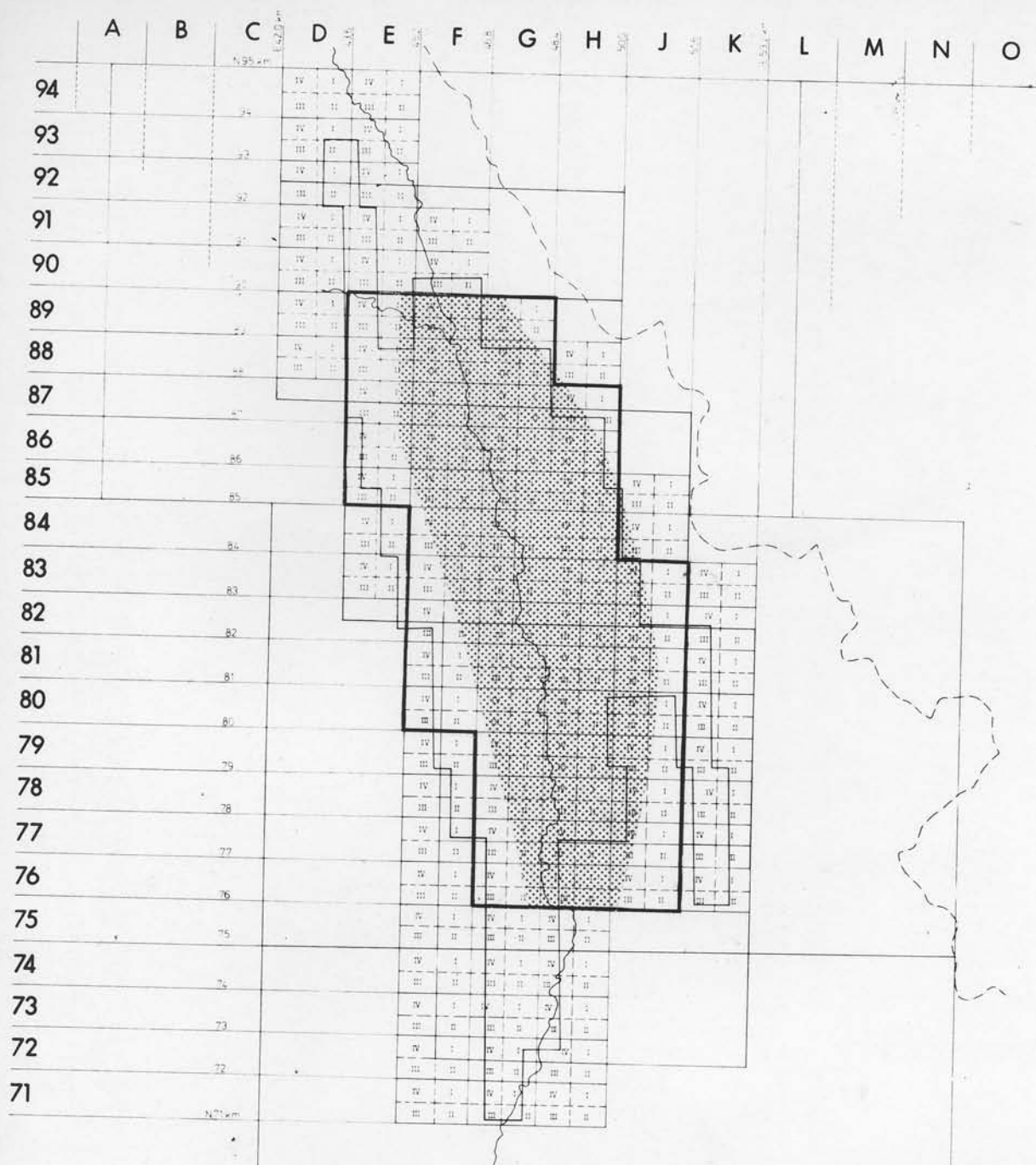
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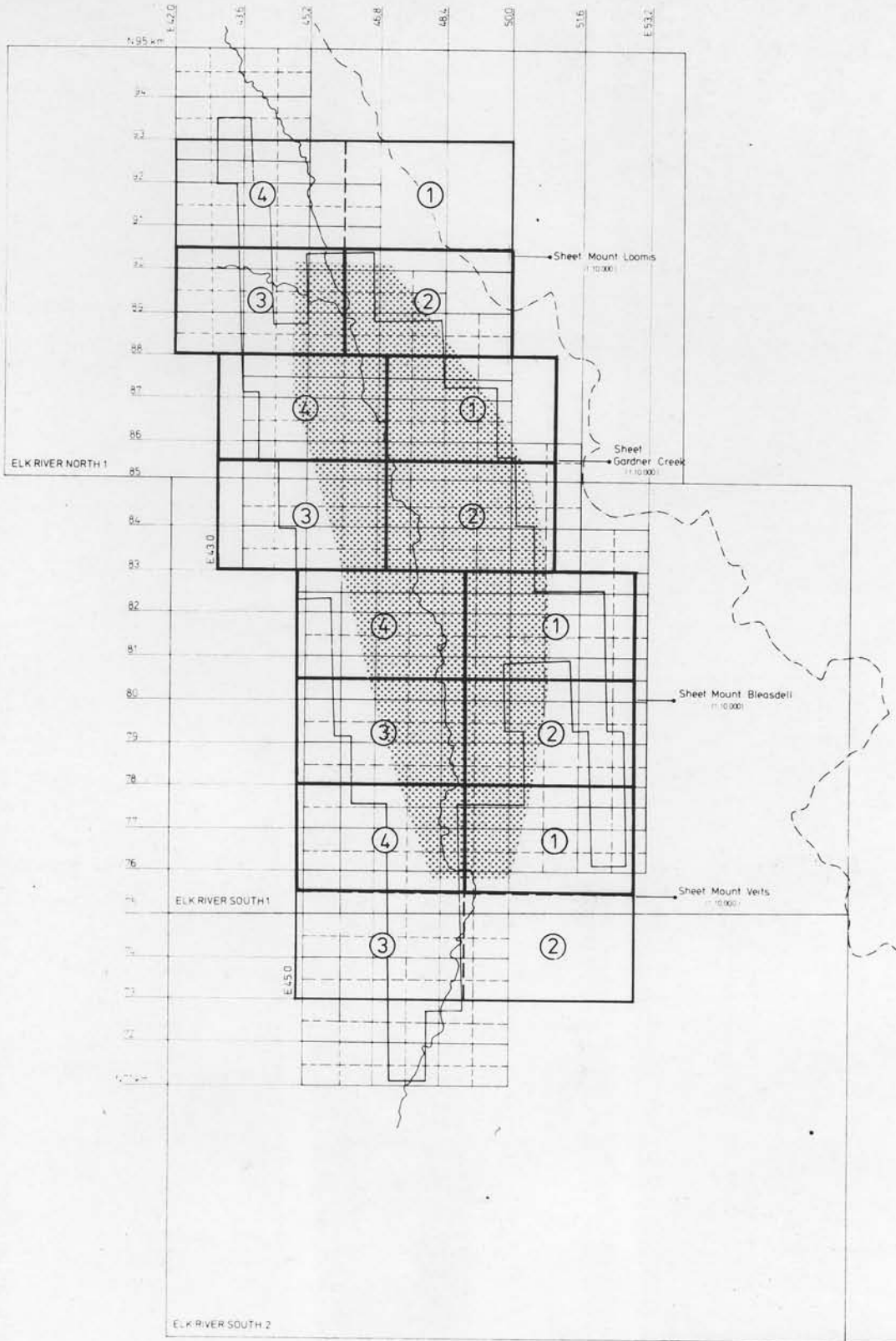
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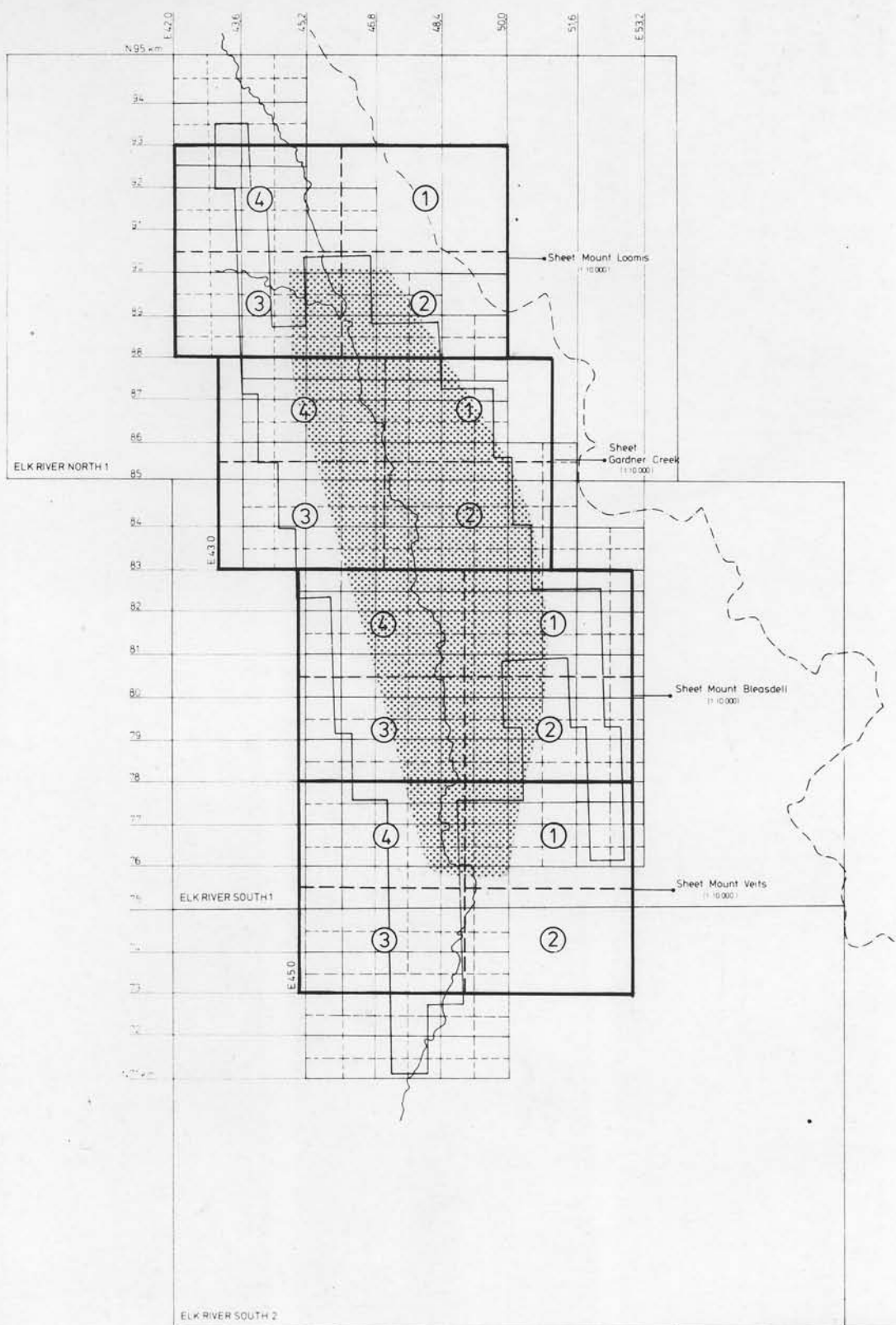
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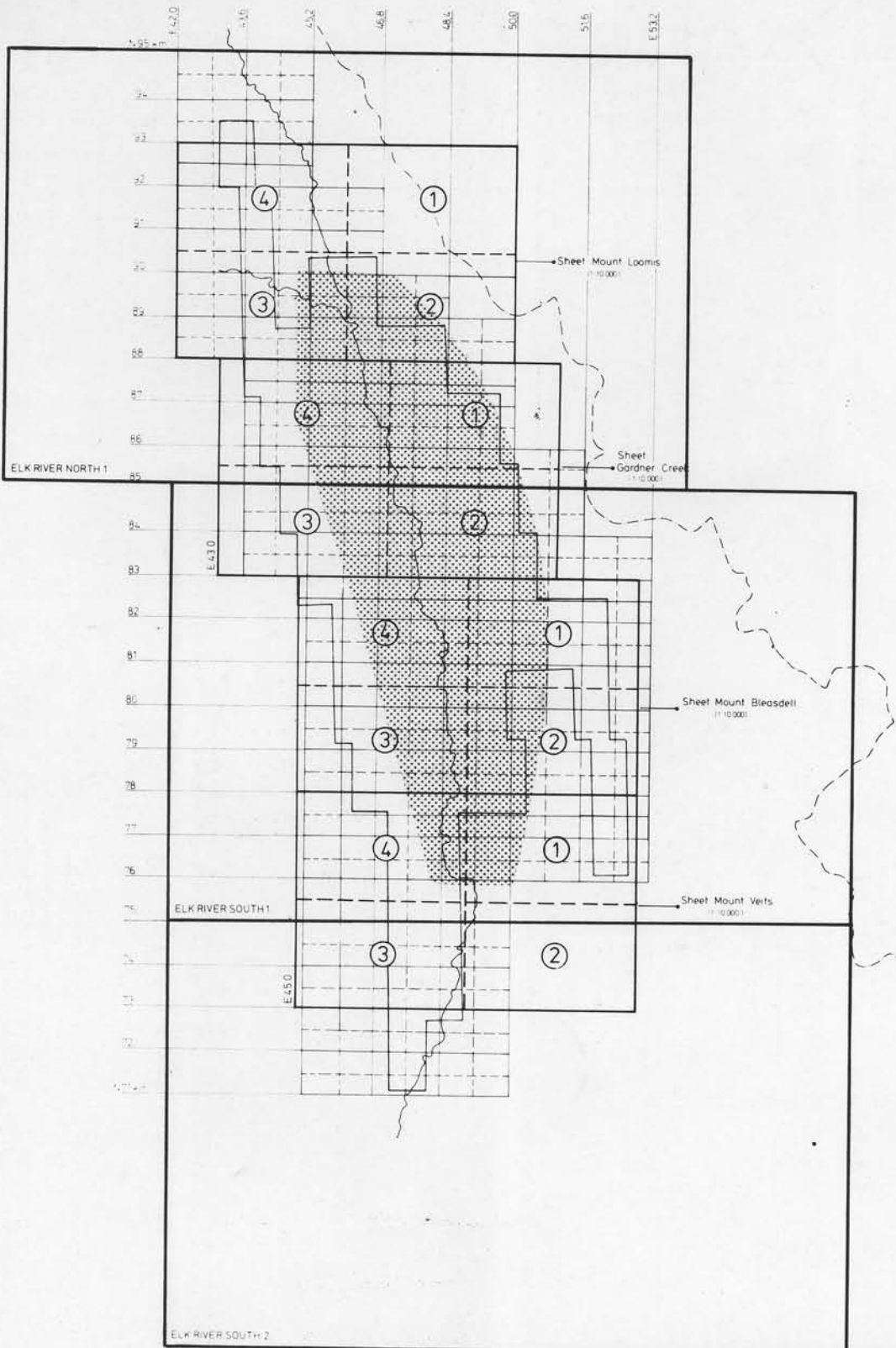
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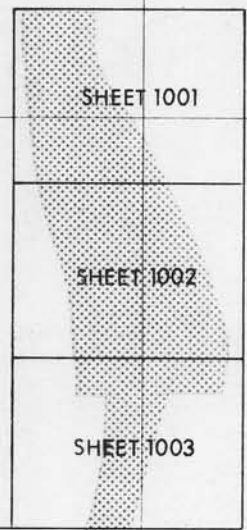


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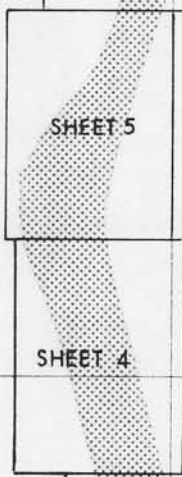
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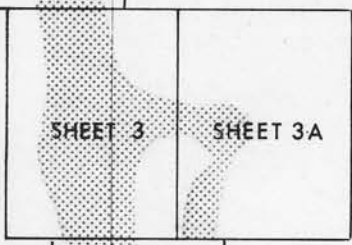
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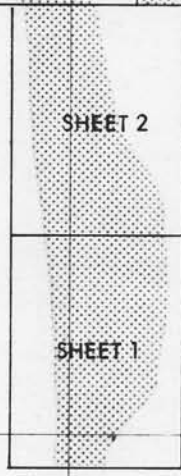
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<b>FIGURE 6.0</b>	
<b>AREA OF 1" = 1000' TOPOGRAPHIC</b>	
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of West Germany, after McElhanney failed to complete this work on time. The metric base maps were also prepared in West Germany by Geomess Ing. GmbH. The imperial scale strip maps were prepared by McElhanney.

In addition to the metric base map preparation, Geomess was also contracted to develop a geological data base which could undertake specific evaluations and map plotting for geology and mine planning. A metric Mine Baseline System was planned from which mine bench plans could be developed and geological bench surveying could be carried out during future mining operations, see Map 1.0, page 12.

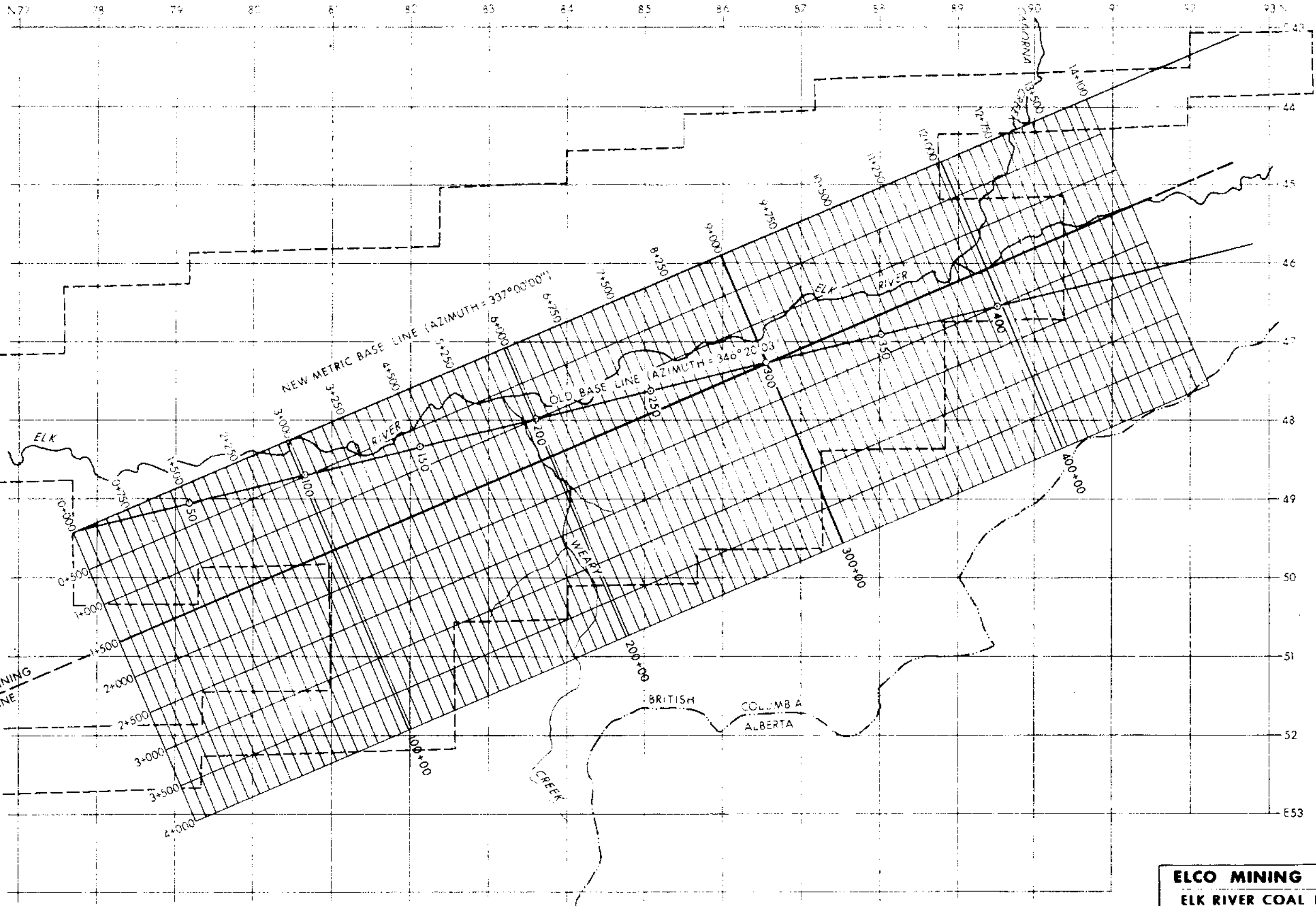
### THE ELK RIVER GRID/BASELINE SYSTEMS

#### The MSEL Grid System

The MSEL System, extended into the Elk River Valley in 1969, is a plane rectangular system with an origin (a point considered to be error-free) at survey monument "712", located in the Fording River Valley. Bearings are referred to the meridian running through the Alberta-British Columbia border monument, "5F". Distances are reduced to the 5200 foot datum. The longitude of "5F" is  $114^{\circ}42'$  West.

The MSEL grid was developed for other users to the south of the Elk River Project and was extended into the Elk River Valley from a survey carried up from the south. A series of control points were established, including ties made to the Geodetic Survey of Canada stations "Bleasde11" and "Riverside". MSEL coordinate values were then established for these Geodetic stations from which a bearing and grid distance was derived as follows:

MSEL Coordinates for Station "Bleasde11": 547,113.7 ft N, 58,370.3 ft E  
 MSEL Coordinates for Station "Riverside": 587,990.3 ft N, 51,053.1 ft E  
 "Bleasde11" to "Riverside" bearing and grid distance:  $349^{\circ}51'04''$ ,  
 41,526.35 ft (12,657.23 m).



TECHMAN MINING  
BASE LINE

MAP 1.0

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 LAYOUT OF NEW BASE LINE  
 (Metric System)  
 SCALE: 1:50,000

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### The Exploration Baseline System

The Exploration Baseline System was established in 1968 by McElhanney for North American Coal Corporation for the purpose of controlling an exploration drilling, trenching and adit driving program. Stations were set at 1000 foot intervals. In 1970, McElhanney established MSEL coordinates for the baseline stations. Station 0+00, located on the south bank of Aldridge Creek near the Kanelk transmission line, had MSEL coordinates of 542,197.00 ftN, 71,117.30 ftE, and Station 400+00, located in the northern licence area had MSEL coordinates of 581,339.4455 ftN, 62,879.0382 ftE.

An inverse calculation of these MSEL coordinates rotates the Exploration Baseline  $11^{\circ}53'07.8''$  west of the MSEL Grid North.

### The Techman Mine Baseline System

The Techman Mine Baseline System was established in 1974 for Exploration und Bergbau GmbH of West Germany. This baseline was orientated such that it was parallel to the overall structural strike of the deposit. A central location in the potential mine area, Station 300+00 on the Exploration Baseline, was selected as the point of origin. Baseline coordinate, 300+00 N, 0+00 E, the same as the Exploration Baseline coordinate, was assigned to the point of origin. Stations were laid out in 500 foot intervals in both directions from Station 300+00.

The bearing of the Techman Baseline was determined from many strike measurements that had been made in both directions from Exploration Baseline Station 300+00. It was found that for a 1000 foot run along, or parallel to the Exploration Baseline, strike passed through a point on a line tangent to the baseline at an average distance of 165 feet from the baseline, see Figure 7.0 below.

Using an inverse tangent calculation, the Techman Baseline rotates  $9^{\circ}22'09.8''$  west of the Exploration Baseline North. Relative to the MSEL Grid, the Techman Baseline rotates  $11^{\circ}53'07.8'' + 9^{\circ}22'09.8'' = 21^{\circ}15'17.6''$  west of the MSEL Grid North.

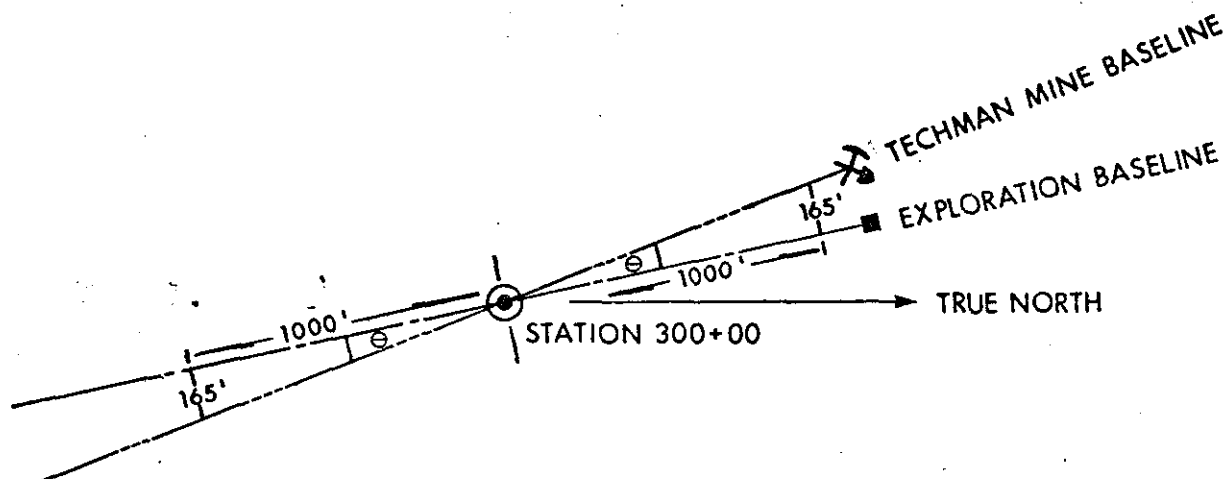


Figure 7.0: Development of Techman Mine Baseline

#### The Elco Mining Grid System (EMGS)

The Elco Mining Grid System, known as the EMGS system, was established in October 1976. This is a slightly modified UTM plane rectangular system. Its origin (considered an error-free point) is the Geodetic Survey of Canada station "Bleasdel1". The central meridian is  $117^{\circ}00'00''$ , the same for UTM Zone 11. Distances are reduced to a convenient, local datum of 1500 meters. The published government coordinate values for station "Bleasdel1", 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546.10 mE were adopted.

A tie was made to the Geodetic Survey of Canada station "Riverside". The published coordinate values for Riverside are 5,591,401.9 mN, 642,926.7 mE, and an inverse computation using the published coordinate values, gives a bearing and grid distance from "Bleasdel1" to "Riverside" of  $348^{\circ}04'14.5$  and 12,672.18 meters respectively.

The same inverse computation, only using MSEL coordinate values, gives a bearing and grid distance from "Bleasdel1" to "Riverside" of  $349^{\circ}51'04''$  and 12,657.23 m respectively. When the obvious discrepancy between the two surveys was discovered, weather conditions were such that further field checks could not be made at that time of year. The Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, who are responsible for geodetic surveys, were informed. They were, quote, "not surprised with the discrepancy

since "Bleasdel1" and "Riverside" were only classed as fourth order control stations".

For the purpose of establishing the EMGS grid the following decisions were made:

1. Use the bearing from "Bleasdel1" to "Riverside", as derived from the GSC published values for those stations, and, which by definition is error free;
2. Use the grid distance from "Bleasdel1" to "Riverside" as derived by the EMGS survey;
3. Using the above two values, EMGS coordinates for "Riverside" were established as 5,591,387.28 mN, 642,929.79 mE. Because of this arrangement, McElhanney who conducted the survey made the following recommendation:

"Since our survey tie consists of only one station in the vicinity of the mine development area, the transformation of coordinates should be confined to that area. Any transformation of coordinates from other surveys should not be undertaken until additional ties are made to the triangulation system".

Having the MSEL grid and the EMGS grid both tied to Mount Bleasdel1 and the MSEL grid tied to the Exploration Baseline at Station 0 + 00 it was then possible to complete coordinate conversion computations between the three systems. This will be described in detail in a later section.

#### The Metric Mine Baseline System

The Metric Mine Baseline System was developed in mid-1977 during Elco's feasibility study, see Map 1.0, page 12. This system, which has not been established in the field, was developed concurrently with a geological data base. The initial purpose of this system was to provide a reference grid by which mine bench plans could be developed from the data base.

The origin for the Metric Mine Baseline was coincident with the origin for the Exploration Baseline, Station 0 + 00. The orientation of the Metric Mine Baseline was to be parallel with the Techman Mine Baseline in order to keep new mine planning complementary with the Techman Mine planning, upon which the feasibility study was based. This placed the location of the Mine Baseline to the west and outside of the open pit area. All measurements into the initial thirty-six year pit would therefore be positive.

At first glance the metric Mine Baseline System seemed to be a fairly workable system, however, when an attempt was made to develop a coordinate conversion program for this system, problems were encountered. The baseline azimuth is not a true north azimuth, the baseline is not exactly parallel with the Techman Baseline and its location is not strategically well placed. It is a simple matter to correct the azimuth and set the baseline parallel to the Techman Baseline, but its location and its overall coverage of the entire licence area, with respect to future considerations, is not easily improved without major changes. An alternative system has therefore been devised.

#### Grid Convergence

When using "azimuth" directions it is appropriate to indicate the reference meridian from which the azimuth angle is rotated. In the situation where there are various grid/baseline systems existing it is advisable to only use azimuth angles that are referenced to the True North Meridian. The Elk River Project has two rectangular grid systems, the MSEL and EMGS, both of which have central or reference meridians located at great distances from the licence area. When a plane rectangular grid system is extended over long distances, corrections for grid convergence with a known local meridian must be made. The GSC station "Bleasdeil" has published longitude and latitude values and since both the MSEL and EMGS grids are tied to this station grid convergence can be calculated for both systems. The following method is used to perform this calculation:

"Convergence = (Meridian Longitude-Station Longitude) x Sine Station Latitude".

EMGS Convergence at Station "Bleasdeil"

1. EMGS is referenced to central meridian  $117^{\circ}00'00''$
2. Longitude of Station "Bleasde11" =  $114^{\circ}57'15.69''$
3. Latitude of Station "Bleasde11" =  $50^{\circ}20'49.48''$
4. EMGS convergence =  $(117^{\circ}00'00'' - 114^{\circ}57'15.69'') \times \text{Sine } 50^{\circ}20'49.48''$   
=  $N1^{\circ}34'30''$  E or  $1^{\circ}34'30''$  True North Azimuth

MSEL Convergence at Station "Bleasde11"

1. MSEL is referenced to the meridian  $114^{\circ}42'00''$  through monument "5F".
2. Longitude of Station "Bleasde11" =  $114^{\circ}57'15.69''$
3. Latitude of Station "Bleasde11" =  $50^{\circ}20'49.48''$
4. MSEL convergence =  $(114^{\circ}42'00'' - 114^{\circ}57'15.69'') \times \text{Sine } 50^{\circ}20'49.48''$   
=  $N0^{\circ} 11'45''$  W or  $359^{\circ}48'15''$  True North Azimuth

$N 0^{\circ} 11'45''$  W, however, is not the correct MSEL grid convergence. It has been established that a systematic error has been carried through the MSEL system. This can be identified as follows:

1. The convergence at "Bleasde11" in the EMGS system amounts to  $N 1^{\circ}34'30''$  E. This must be applied to the EMGS grid azimuth  $348^{\circ}04'14.5''$  from "Bleasde11" to "Riverside", which by definition is error free, (see EMGS Grid System, page 14).

$$348^{\circ}04'14.5'' + 1^{\circ}34'30'' = 349^{\circ}38'44.5''$$

2. The convergence at "Bleasde11" in the MSEL system amounts to  $N 0^{\circ}11'45''$  W. This must be applied to the MSEL grid azimuth  $349^{\circ}51'04''$  from "Bleasde11" to "Riverside", which is not error free, (see MSEL Grid System, page 11).

$$349^{\circ}51'04'' - 0^{\circ}11'45'' = 349^{\circ}39'19.0''$$

3. The actual survey error is the convergence applied MSEL azimuth ("Bleasde11" to "Riverside"), minus the convergence corrected, EMGS error free azimuth ("Bleasde11" to "Riverside").

$$349^{\circ}39' 19.0'' - 349^{\circ}38'44.5'' = N0^{\circ} 00'34.5'' \text{ W.}$$

The correct MSEL grid convergence therefore =

$$N0^{\circ}11'45'' \text{ W} + N0^{\circ}00'34.5'' \text{ W} = N^{\circ}012'19.5'' \text{ W or } 359^{\circ}47'40.5 \text{ True North Azimuth}$$

In order to avoid further confusion on azimuths the True North azimuths have been calculated for each Elk River grid and baseline system and are listed below. In addition a "Grid/Baseline Orientation Diagram", see Figure 8.0, page 19, has been prepared which shows the correct True North azimuth for each system as it passes through GSC station "Bleasdell". The rotation angles between each system are also shown. These must be known in order to perform coordinate conversions from one system to the next. The True North azimuths for average strike, as used in the data base, and magnet north, for the year 1976, are also shown.

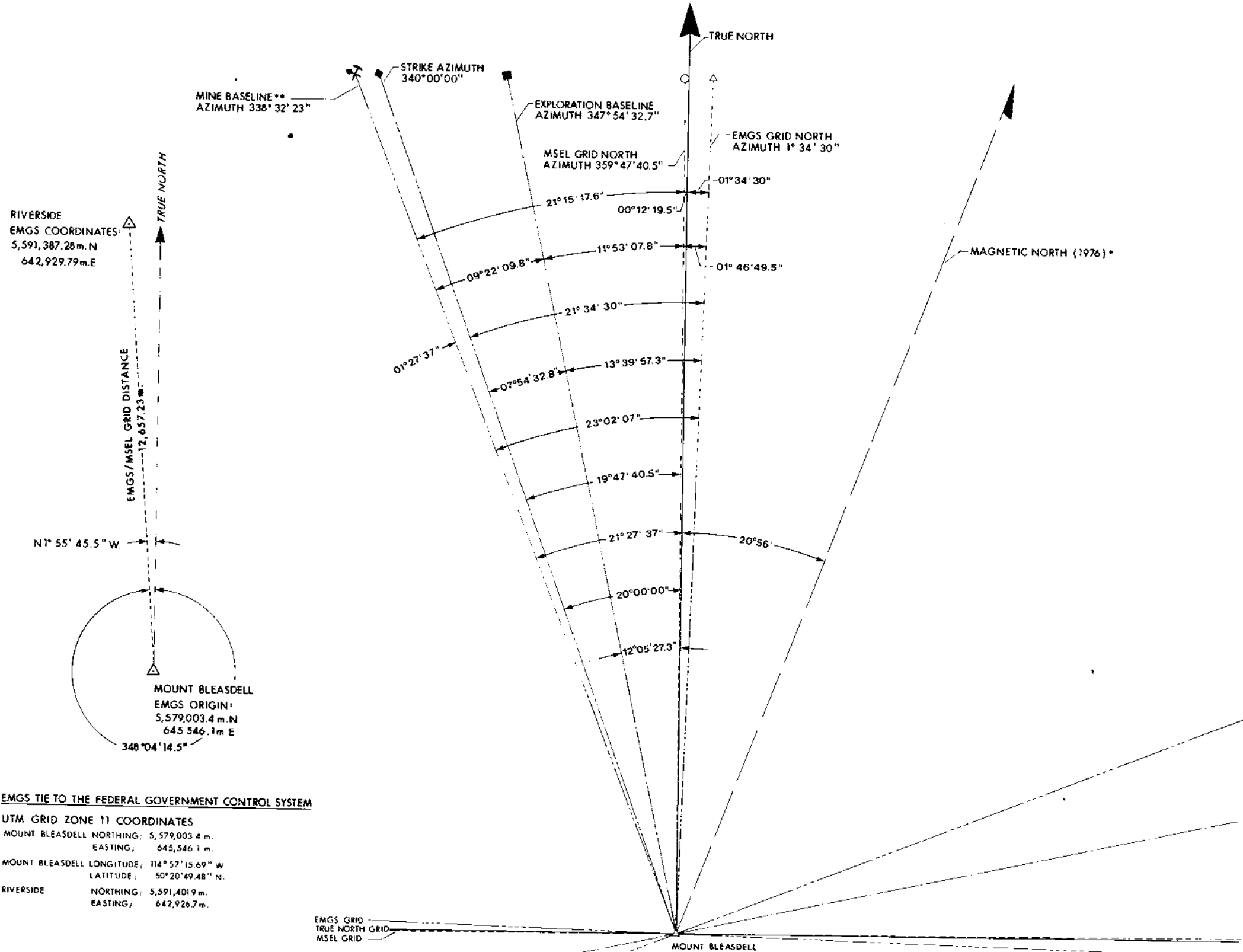
<u>System</u>	<u>Bearing from True North</u>	<u>True North Azimuth</u>
MSEL	N 0 <sup>o</sup> 12'19.5" W	359 <sup>o</sup> 47'40.5"
Exploration Baseline	N 12 <sup>o</sup> 05'27.3" W	347 <sup>o</sup> 54'32.7"
EMGS	N 1 <sup>o</sup> 34'30" E	1 <sup>o</sup> 34'30"
Techman Baseline	N 21 <sup>o</sup> 27'37" W	338 <sup>o</sup> 32'23"
Metric Mine Baseline	N 21 <sup>o</sup> 27'37" W	338 <sup>o</sup> 32'23"

#### An Alternative Metric Mine Baseline System (MBLS)

An alternative location for the metric Mine Baseline has been selected by Elco. It is recommended that it be located through the GSC station "Bleasdell" which is the "tie" point for the EMGS and the MSEL grid systems, see Map. 2.0, page 20, "Alternative Metric Mine Baseline". In order that all locations within the licence area have positive coordinate values, Elco further recommends that station "Bleasdell" be assigned metric Mine Baseline coordinate values of:

10 + 000 m North, 2 + 000 m East.

This baseline system would have the same True North azimuth as the Techman Baseline System, 338<sup>o</sup>32'23", in order to maintain consistency with the Techman Alternative "D" mining plan and parallelism with structural strike. As shown on Map 2.0, the grid spacing is at 500 meter intervals in the



**EMGS TIE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL SYSTEM**

UTM GRID ZONE 11 COORDINATES  
MOUNT BLEASDELL NORTHING: 5,579,003.4 m.  
EASTING: 645,546.1 m.  
MOUNT BLEASDELL LONGITUDE: 114° 57' 15.69" W  
LATITUDE: 50° 20' 49.48" N.  
RIVERSIDE NORTHING: 5,591,401.9 m.  
EASTING: 642,926.7 m.

**LEGEND:**

- TRUE NORTH
- - - MSEL NORTH
- - - EXPLORATION BASELINE NORTH
- - - STRIKE
- - - MINE BASELINE NORTH\*\*
- - - EMGS NORTH
- - - MAGNETIC NORTH (1976)\*

BEARING FROM TRUE NORTH	TRUE NORTH AZIMUTH
N 00° 00' 00"	0° 00' 00"
N 00° 12' 19.5" W	359° 47' 40.5"
N 12° 05' 27.3" W	347° 54' 32.7"
N 20° 00' 00" W	340° 00' 00"
N 21° 27' 37" W	338° 32' 23"
N 01° 34' 30" E	01° 34' 30"
N 20° 56' 00" E*	20° 56' 00"

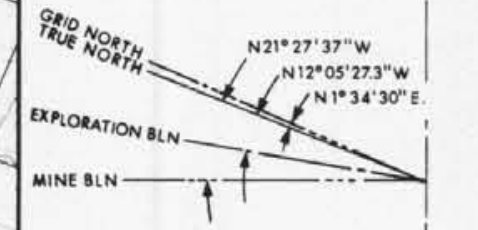
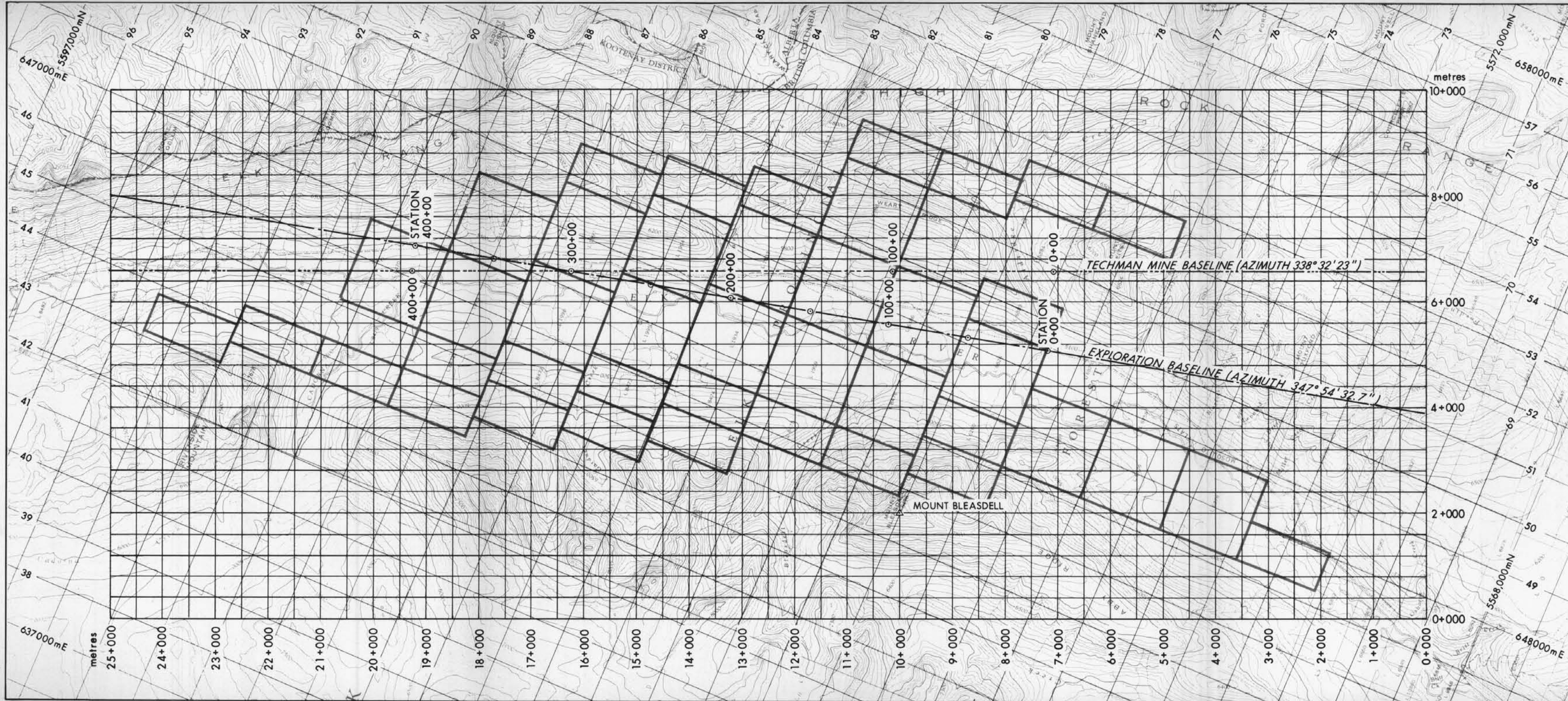
**NOTES:**

\* MAGNETIC DECLINATION = 20° 56' (1976) DECREASING 4.0' WEST ANNUALLY  
\*\* ALSO TECHMAN BASELINE

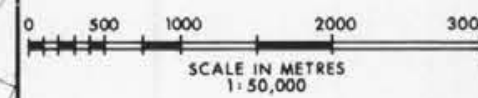
FIGURE 8.0

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GRID/BASELINE ORIENTATION DIAGRAM  
DATE MAY 1/79 BY: G. LAWRENCE  
DWG NO: CC-ER79-73733-23





NOTE:  
 ALL BEARINGS AND AZIMUTHS ARE REFERENCED TO TRUE NORTH.  
 METRIC MINE BASELINE PARALLELS TECHMAN MINE BASELINE



**ELCO MINING LIMITED**  
 ELK RIVER COAL PROJECT  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA  
 MAP 2.0  
 ALTERNATIVE  
 LAYOUT OF METRIC MINE BASELINE  
 DATE: MAY 4, 1979 BY: G.F. LAWRENCE  
 DWG. NO: DC-ER79-10000-121



north-south direction and 400 meter intervals in the east-west direction. This corresponds exactly with Elco's bench plan sheet size, 500 x 400 meters, at a 1:600 scale. For control purposes during construction and the later mine operations periods, either EDM\* stations, or a baseline could be easily established along line 3 + 600 mE, between stations 1 + 400 mN and 1 + 800 mE. This portion of line 3 + 600 mE offers an excellent commanding view of the proposed plant and mine site area in the valley below and would closely parallel an existing access road located on or near the crest of the west flank ridge. There would be no risk of disturbance from construction and mining activities.

### Coordinate Conversions

Coordinate conversions from one grid or baseline system to another grid or baseline system can be carried out when the following "tie" data between the systems is known:

1. The equivalent coordinate values of each system for the "tie" station, e. g. MSEL and EMGS coordinates for station Bleasdel;
2. The True North azimuth of each system at the "tie" station;
3. The angle of rotation between the True North azimuths of each system.

### MSEL - EMGS Coordinate Conversions

1. Tie Station: Mt. Bleasdel
2. MSEL Coordinates: 547,113.70 ft N, 58,370.30 ft E
3. EMGS Coordinates: 5,579,003.40 M N, 645,546.10 M E
4. MSEL True North Azimuth: 359<sup>0</sup>47'40.5"
5. EMGS True North Azimuth: 1<sup>0</sup>34'30"
6. Angle of Rotation: 1<sup>0</sup>46'49.5"
7. MSEL to EMGS Coordinate Conversion:

(a) MSEL coordinates \_\_\_\_\_ ft N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft E,

\* - EDM: Electronic Distance Measuring

- (b) Subtract: 547,113.70 ft N, 58,370.30 ft. E,
- (c) Convert to polar coordinates , r &  $\theta$ ,
- (d) Change "r" to meters, multiply by 0.3048,
- (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+)  $1^{\circ}46'49.5"$ ,
- (f) Convert to rectangular co-ordinates x & y,
- (g) Add: 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546.10 mE.

8. Inverse Conversion, EMGS to MSEL:

- (a) EMGS coordinates: : \_\_\_\_\_ mN, \_\_\_\_\_ mE,
- (b) Subtract 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546.10 mE,
- (c) Convert to polar coordinates , r &  $\theta$ ,
- (d) Change "r" to meters, divide by 0.3048,
- (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-)  $1^{\circ}46'49.5"$ ,
- (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates , x & y,
- (g) Add: 547,113.70 ft N, 58,370.30 ft. E.

Exploration Baseline - MSEL Coordinate Conversions

- 1. Tie Station: Station 0 + 00, Exploration Baseline Origin
- 2. Exploration Baseline coordinates : 00.0 ft. N, 00.0 ft. E
- 3. MSEL Coordinates: 542,197.0 ft. N, 71,117.3 ft. E
- 4. Exploration Baseline True North Azimuth:  $347^{\circ}54'32.7"$
- 5. MSEL True North Azimuth:  $359^{\circ}47'40.5"$
- 6. Angle of Rotation  $11^{\circ}53'07.8"$
- 7. Exploration Baseline to MSEL Coordinate Conversion:
  - (a) Exploration Baseline coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ ft N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft E,
  - (b) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (c) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+)  $11^{\circ}53'07.8"$ ,
  - (d) Convert to rectangular coordinates x & y,
  - (e) Add: 542,197.0 ft. N, 71,117.3 ft. E.
- 8. Inverse Conversion, MSEL to Exploration Baseline:
  - (a) MSEL coordinates \_\_\_\_\_ ft. N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft. E,
  - (b) Subtract: 542,197.0 ft. N, 71,117.3 ft. E,
  - (c) Convert to polar coordinates r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (d) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-)  $11^{\circ}53'07.8"$ ,
  - (e) Convert to rectangular coordinates x & y.

Exploration Baseline - EMGS Coordinate Conversions

1. Tie Station: Station 0 + 00, Exploration Baseline Origin
2. Exploration Baseline Coordinates: 00.0 ft. N 00.0 ft. E
3. EMGS Coordinates: 5,577,626.225 mN, 649,476.0703 mE
4. Exploration Baseline North Azimuth:  $347^{\circ}54'32.7''$
5. EMGS North Azimuth:  $1^{\circ}34'30''$
6. Angle of Rotation:  $13^{\circ}39'57.3''$
7. Exploration Baseline to EMGS Coordinate Conversion:
  - (a) Exploration Baseline coordinate: \_\_\_\_\_ ft N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft E,
  - (b) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (c) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+)  $13^{\circ}39'57.3''$ ,
  - (d) Change "r" to meters, multiply by 0.3048,
  - (e) Convert to rectangular coordinates x & y,
  - (f) Add: 5,577,626.225 mN, 649,476.0703 mE.
8. Inverse Conversion, EMGS to Exploration Baseline:
  - (a) EMGS coordinates \_\_\_\_\_ mN, \_\_\_\_\_ mE,
  - (b) Subtract: 5,577,626.225 mN, 649,476.0703 mE,
  - (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (d) Change "r" to feet, divide by 0.3048,
  - (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-)  $13^{\circ}39'57.3''$ ,
  - (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y.

EMGS - Elco Proposed Metric Mine Baseline (MBLS) Coordinate Conversions

1. Tie Station: Mt. Bleasde11
2. EMGS Coordinates: 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546.10 mE
3. Metric Mine Baseline  
Coordinates: 10 + 000.00 mN, 2 + 0000.00 mE
4. EMGS True North Azimuth:  $1^{\circ}34'30''$
5. MBLS True North Azimuty:  $338^{\circ}32'23''$
6. Angle of Rotation:  $23^{\circ}02'07''$
7. EMGS to Proposed MBLS Coordinate Conversion:
  - (a) EMGS coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ mN, \_\_\_\_\_ mE,
  - (b) Subtract: 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546,10 mE,
  - (c) Convert to polar coordinates r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (d) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-)  $23^{\circ}02'07''$ ,

- (e) Convert to rectangular coordinates x & y,  
 (f) Add: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.0 mE.
8. Inverse Conversion, Proposed MBL to EMGS Coordinates:
- (a) MBL coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ mN, \_\_\_\_\_ mE,  
 (b) Subtract: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.0 mE,  
 (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,  
 (d) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+)  $23^{\circ}02'07''$ ,  
 (e) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y,  
 (f) Add: 5,579,003.40 mN, 645,546.10 mE.

MSEL - Elco Proposed Metric Mine Baseline (MBLS) Coordinate Conversions

1. Tie Station: Mt. Bleasdel
2. MSEL Coordinates: 547,113.70 ft N, 58,370.30 ft. E
3. Metric Mine Baseline Coordinates: 10 + 000.00 mN, 2 + 000.00 mE
4. MSEL True North Azimuth:  $359^{\circ}47'40.5''$
5. MBL True North Azimuth:  $338^{\circ}32'23''$
6. Angle of Rotation:  $21^{\circ}15'17.5''$
7. MSEL to Proposed MBL Coordinate Conversion:
- (a) MSEL coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ ft N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft. E,  
 (b) Subtract: 547,113.70 ft. N, 58,370.30 ft. E,  
 (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,  
 (d) Change "r" to meters, multiply by 0.3048,  
 (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-)  $21^{\circ}15'17.5''$ ,  
 (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y,  
 (g) Add: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.mE.
9. Inverse Conversion, Proposed MBL to MSEL Coordinates:
- (a) MBL coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ mN \_\_\_\_\_ mE,  
 (b) Subtract: 10 + 000.00 mN, 2 + 000.00 mE,  
 (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,  
 (d) Change "r" to feet, divide by 0.3048,  
 (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+)  $21^{\circ}15'17.5''$ ,  
 (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y,  
 (g) Add: 547,113.70 ft. N, 58,370.30 ft. E.

Exploration Baseline - Elco Proposed Metric Mine Baseline (MBLS)

Coordinate Conversions

1. Tie Station: Mt. Bleasdel
2. Exploration Baseline Coordinates (calculated):  
74 + 36.614 ft. N, 114 + 61.096 ft. E
3. Metric Mine Baseline Coordinates: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.0 mE
4. Exploration Baseline True North Azimuth: 347°54'32.7"
5. Metric Mine Baseline True North Azimuth: 338°32'23"
6. Angle of Rotation: 9°22'09.7"
7. Exploration Baseline to Proposed MBLS Coordinate Conversion:
  - (a) Exploration Baseline Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. N, \_\_\_\_\_ ft. E,
  - (b) Subtract: 74 + 36.614 ft. N, 114 + 61.09 ft. E,
  - (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (d) Change "r" to meters, multiply by 0.3048,
  - (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " west (-) 9°22'09.7" ,
  - (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y,
  - (g) Add: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.0 mE.
8. Inverse Conversion, Proposed MBLS to Exploration Baseline Coordinates:
  - (a) MBLS coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_ mN, \_\_\_\_\_ mE,
  - (b) Subtract: 10 + 000.0 mN, 2 + 000.0 mE,
  - (c) Convert to polar coordinates, r &  $\theta$ ,
  - (d) Change "r" to feet, divide by 0.3048,
  - (e) Rotate " $\theta$ " east (+) 9°22'09.7" ,
  - (f) Convert to rectangular coordinates, x & y,
  - (g) Add: 74 + 36.614 ft. N, 114 + 61.096 ft. E.

Errors Identified to Date in the Existing Elco Mapping and Surveying Documentation

Grid Convergence: - All topographical maps that have been produced by Geomess to date are labelled with a grid convergence diagram that indicates the EMGS grid convergence to be 1°38'. This convergence angle has apparently been adopted from the local NTS map sheet, Mount Head (82J/7W) rather than using the convergence angle calculated for Mount Bleasdel,

1°34'30". The NTS convergence angle, 1°38', represents an approximate grid convergence at the centre of the NTS map sheet, which is located slightly to the east of the licence area, whereas, Mount Bleasdel, at 1°34'30", is on the western edge of the licence area. Only the calculated convergence angle of 1°34'30" should be used to show grid convergence on the licence area maps. There are two reasons for this:

1. 1°34'30" is a more precise representation of EMGS convergence, and the total mapping area is not large enough to warrant more than one grid convergence adjustment.
2. The calculated Mount Bleasdel convergence angle 1°34'30" is an integral component of the rotation angle between the EMGS and MSEL grids.

Control Monuments for the EMGS: - The Feasibility Report states that north orientation was established by the azimuth taken from Mount Bleasdel to Mount Weary. This is not correct; the published bearing from Mount Bleasdel to Riverside was used to establish north orientation.

Techman, Exploration and Metric Mine Baseline Azimuths: - The Feasibility Report has used unreferenced azimuths for these baseline systems. These azimuths were considered to be referenced to True North, however, investigations have indicated that they were referenced to the EMGS Grid North. It is advisable to use only True North referenced azimuths, but should other references be used, they should always be identified.

- The Feasibility Report also stated that the metric Mine Baseline was established parallel to the Techman Baseline. This is not exactly correct, when the azimuth quoted in the Feasibility Report for the Techman Baseline was changed to a True North referenced azimuth, a slight difference from the actual Techman Baseline True North azimuth was found. Elco's proposed Metric Mine Baseline has been oriented parallel to the Techman Baseline.

CONCLUSIONS

It is intended that this review of the various Elk River grid/baseline systems will serve as a reference for both present and future Elk River operations. It has been useful in identifying certain areas where either corrections were necessary and where data was not clearly defined. In time, it is expected that this review will have to be updated again.

The alternative *Metric Mine Baseline System*, as proposed by Elco, will take care of all future mine planning and operations control requirements. Since it has also been designed to be used as the layout control for the bench plans, it is recommended that this system be adopted as soon as possible.





















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1	5 579 063.400	645 546.100	2590.240	BLEASDELL
2	5 579 943.484	650 752.202	2116.100	SEAN IP597
3	5 585 221.009	648 609.502	1915.900	CASS IP596
4	5 591 387.909	642 929.621	2338.900	RIVERSIDE
5	5 574 004.183	645 450.820	2181.540	ARB IP598
6	5 564 977.084	647 057.406	2764.610	RIV IP651
7	5 562 943.430	647 164.636	2597.850	CONE IP599
8	5 557 708.744	649 537.404	2153.410	FORD IP615
9	5 549 083.227	645 785.159	2106.550	FLK IP608
10	5 541 843.802	643 309.473	1754.170	HELL IP609
11	5 545 279.079	653 403.578	1489.290	COB IP611



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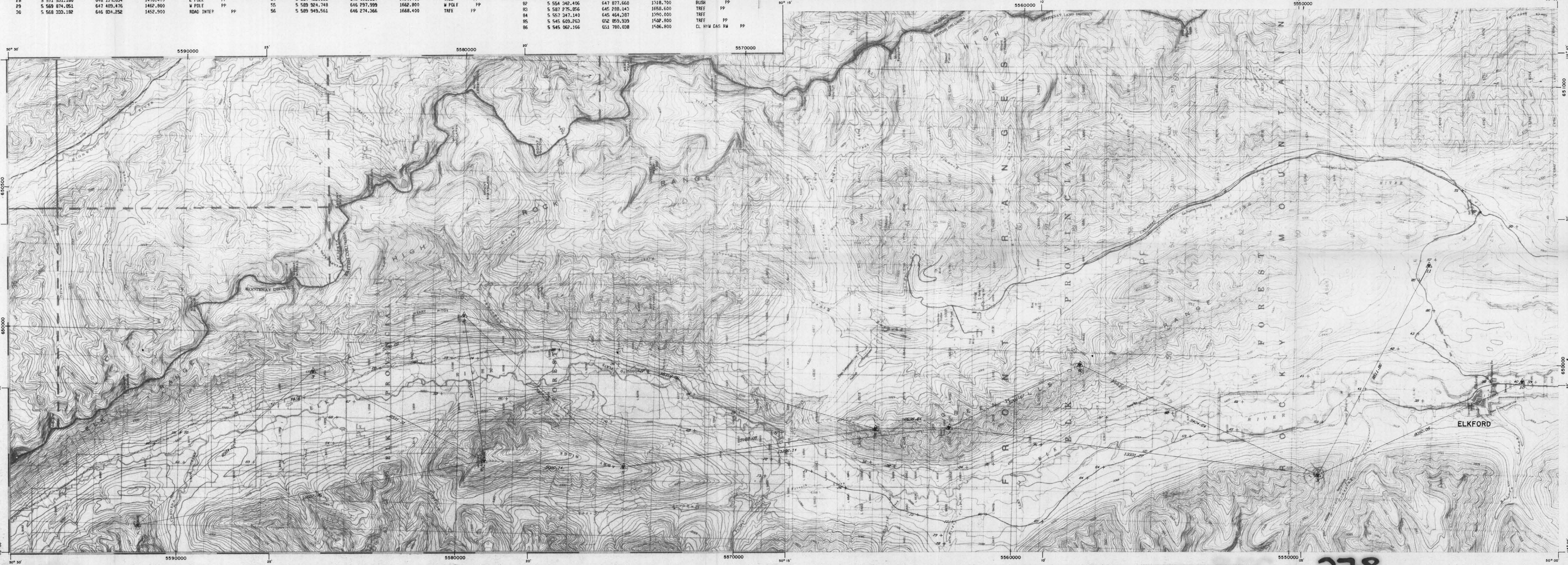
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1	5 579 003.400	645 546.100	1690.240	ELFASDELL
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3	5 585 221.009	648 609.502	1915.900	CABS IP696
4	5 591 327.909	642 325.631	2258.900	RIVERSTIE
5	5 574 004.183	645 450.220	2181.540	ARB IP698
6	5 564 977.084	647 057.406	2264.670	RIV IP693
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8	5 557 708.744	649 537.484	2153.410	FORD IP615
9	5 549 083.287	642 789.159	2106.550	ELK IP608
10	5 541 843.802	649 309.473	1754.170	HELI IP600
11	5 545 279.079	653 403.578	1489.230	COB IP611
17	5 557 229.930	645 442.809	1591.400	IP117
19	5 541 322.404	649 325.635	1752.070	IP601
21	5 585 507.844	647 645.843	1586.200	M POLE PP
22	5 582 811.133	648 774.132	1621.000	M POLE PP
23	5 580 239.470	649 215.613	1679.300	M POLE PP
24	5 579 317.547	649 221.000	1651.000	M POLE PP
25	5 576 396.456	649 557.571	1626.900	M POLE PP
26	5 574 263.745	649 141.347	1498.700	F POLE PP
27	5 573 194.946	648 905.168	1504.400	M POLE P,
28	5 571 531.180	648 175.694	1476.400	E POLE PP
29	5 569 874.051	647 489.476	1462.800	M POLE PP
30	5 568 333.192	646 834.252	1452.900	ROAD INTCP PP

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57	5 545 053.342	653 608.420	1469.100	TREE PP
58	5 542 992.723	649 285.133	1665.100	CL BRIDGE S END PP
59	5 548 970.734	647 687.789	1700.100	CL ROAD PP
60	5 590 870.291	645 859.281	1671.500	CENTRE TWO POLES PP
61	5 589 785.694	645 270.075	1654.700	TREE PP
62	5 555 089.249	646 481.563	1506.900	CL ROAD PP
63	5 553 698.584	647 062.639	1522.000	CL ROAD PP
64	5 556 770.069	645 867.750	1388.800	CL ROAD PP
65	5 558 921.852	643 872.713	1474.000	CL ROAD PP
66	5 578 246.527	647 804.833	1574.600	TREE PP
67	5 583 715.134	647 552.379	1568.400	CL ROAD PP
68	5 584 326.056	646 969.828	1525.400	TREE PP
69	5 571 483.028	646 824.294	1498.100	CL ROAD PP
70	5 574 475.572	647 061.157	1532.500	BUSH PP
71	5 567 231.305	645 467.647	1450.500	CL ROAD PP
72	5 568 688.167	645 860.293	1467.500	CL ROADS PP
73	5 568 900.474	645 254.963	1485.900	TREE PP
74	5 568 903.585	645 256.061	1485.900	H
75	5 563 398.175	643 998.191	1411.400	CL ROAD PP
76	5 525 999.766	644 901.137	1413.800	CL ROAD PP
77	5 562 145.514	643 774.474	1406.400	CENTRE BRIDGE PP
78	5 562 423.895	642 986.027	1437.900	TREE PP
79	5 562 527.287	643 281.464	1432.400	H
80	5 560 948.548	644 071.761	1382.300	PP
81	5 551 853.431	648 345.853	1504.800	TREE PP
82	5 554 342.406	647 877.660	1518.700	BUSH PP
83	5 587 275.856	645 288.043	1658.600	TREE PP
84	5 557 247.140	645 464.387	1590.000	TREE PP
85	5 545 263.263	652 859.329	1522.800	TREE PP
86	5 545 067.156	651 780.038	1506.800	CL HYM CAS RM PP

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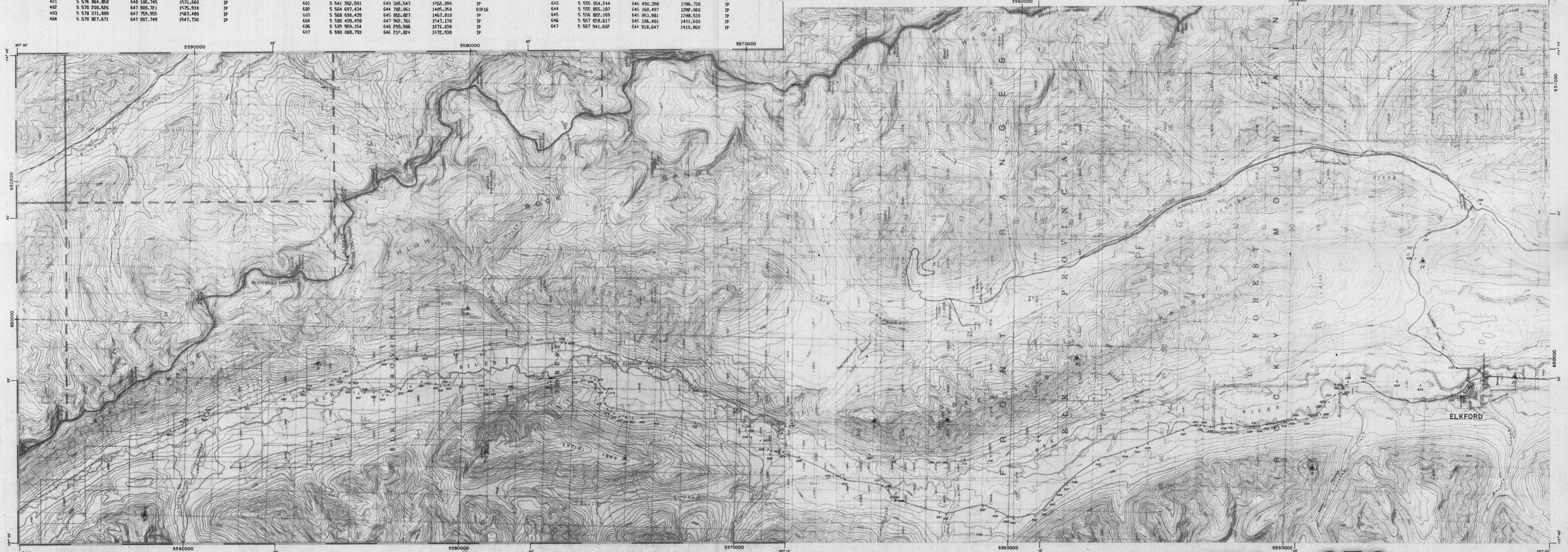
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1	5 579 003.400	645 546.100	2590.240	485	5 579 085.408	647 788.245	1551.770	647	5 557 941.602	644 918.647	1410.860	670	5 568 203.461	646 783.816	1454.580
2	5 579 043.484	650 752.202	2116.100	486	5 579 076.126	647 815.163	1523.470	648	5 558 205.015	644 704.524	1407.210	671	5 568 331.313	646 837.727	1453.380
3	5 585 221.099	648 609.502	1915.900	487	5 579 071.465	648 037.747	1524.240	649	5 558 446.768	644 353.637	1470.820	672	5 565 196.171	645 856.412	1469.100
4	5 591 387.909	642 929.631	2308.900	488	5 580 745.438	647 889.298	1544.490	650	5 558 728.087	643 903.659	1479.150	673	5 565 376.171	645 856.412	1469.100
5	5 574 004.183	645 450.220	2181.540	489	5 581 416.756	647 969.625	1543.570	651	5 559 943.521	646 816.574	1441.370	674	5 559 876.769	643 777.997	1439.900
6	5 564 977.084	647 057.406	2254.670	490	5 581 446.754	648 031.277	1550.700	652	5 548 085.173	649 014.057	1771.900	675	5 559 847.561	643 643.303	1419.590
7	5 562 343.430	647 164.826	2297.860	491	5 581 840.261	647 840.261	1556.240	653	5 545 536.147	650 482.580	1500.790	676	5 560 101.772	643 643.303	1419.590
8	5 557 708.744	649 537.444	2153.410	492	5 582 352.031	647 721.620	1555.920	654	5 548 962.299	648 560.355	1501.970	677	5 560 331.313	646 837.727	1453.380
9	5 549 083.327	645 789.150	2106.570	493	5 582 677.870	647 510.337	1567.500	655	5 548 182.680	648 497.979	1502.670	678	5 565 376.171	645 856.412	1469.100
10	5 541 843.802	649 309.473	2254.170	494	5 582 841.025	647 497.233	1569.190	656	5 548 530.003	648 196.163	1598.150	679	5 569 876.769	643 777.997	1439.900
11	5 545 279.079	653 403.578	1489.290	495	5 583 166.274	647 591.042	1560.290	657	5 548 827.247	648 027.247	1705.110	680	5 560 101.772	643 643.303	1419.590
465	5 572 879.071	646 895.870	1524.410	496	5 583 500.764	647 567.170	1566.680	658	5 548 085.147	648 704.921	1795.960	681	5 560 331.313	646 837.727	1453.380
466	5 573 412.299	646 935.445	1524.440	497	5 583 715.829	647 537.534	1568.450	659	5 548 962.299	648 560.355	1599.800	682	5 565 376.171	645 856.412	1469.100
467	5 573 766.988	646 939.893	1523.010	498	5 583 888.029	647 579.981	1567.150	660	5 549 312.845	647 540.117	1503.830	683	5 569 876.769	643 777.997	1439.900
468	5 574 010.844	646 929.155	1522.790	499	5 584 050.244	647 512.776	1573.760	661	5 549 707.573	647 552.405	1511.220	684	5 560 331.313	646 837.727	1453.380
469	5 574 233.232	646 968.176	1540.900	500	5 584 890.286	644 892.344	1413.630	662	5 549 849.111	647 521.567	1321.260	685	5 565 376.171	645 856.412	1469.100
470	5 574 445.737	647 064.447	1520.370	501	5 585 478.641	646 346.531	1387.670	663	5 550 130.563	647 425.491	1387.220	686	5 566 986.986	643 786.986	1419.590
471	5 574 686.198	647 225.460	1510.520	502	5 585 829.156	647 207.227	1346.790	664	5 550 587.195	647 354.345	1317.070	687	5 568 203.461	646 783.816	1454.580
472	5 574 760.942	647 413.607	1505.690	503	5 586 329.156	648 439.822	1398.070	665	5 550 771.250	647 317.175	1316.190	688	5 569 876.769	643 777.997	1439.900
473	5 574 737.109	647 807.126	1505.720	504	5 587 067.969	648 953.308	1382.340	666	5 551 019.022	647 213.238	1337.400	689	5 560 331.313	646 837.727	1453.380
474	5 574 822.778	647 960.062	1498.140	505	5 587 307.829	648 971.030	1379.420	667	5 551 220.561	647 228.560	1305.920	690	5 565 376.171	645 856.412	1469.100
475	5 575 169.880	648 276.261	1509.860	506	5 587 995.688	648 545.488	1364.280	668	5 551 370.354	647 196.351	1307.850	691	5 566 986.986	643 786.986	1419.590
476	5 575 318.207	648 346.142	1517.090	507	5 588 986.591	649 291.511	1354.990	669	5 552 052.199	647 202.489	1312.500	692	5 568 203.461	646 783.816	1454.580
477	5 575 591.560	648 378.522	1510.970	508	5 589 739.286	647 033.040	1625.240	670	5 552 220.675	647 290.260	1319.770	693	5 569 876.769	643 777.997	1439.900
478	5 575 900.802	648 306.163	1523.420	509	5 589 426.780	646 013.408	1631.660	671	5 552 807.017	647 171.724	1348.910	694	5 570 450.751	648 114.751	1476.410
479	5 576 162.385	648 162.385	1547.870	510	5 589 595.282	649 595.282	1528.940	672	5 553 027.179	647 198.784	1367.680	695	5 571 508.199	648 114.751	1476.410
480	5 576 763.702	648 159.895	1559.700	511	5 590 596.281	647 910.192	1547.850	673	5 553 172.261	647 209.976	1366.800	696	5 572 052.199	648 114.751	1476.410
481	5 576 864.858	648 106.745	1571.660	512	5 591 045.390	649 305.355	1554.170	674	5 553 324.815	647 024.298	1365.000	697	5 572 807.017	647 171.724	1348.910
482	5 578 208.525	647 808.721	1575.910	513	5 591 352.591	649 305.547	1552.090	675	5 553 054.244	646 490.398	1396.720	698	5 573 412.299	646 935.445	1524.440
483	5 578 371.889	647 759.955	1567.480	514	5 592 697.434	644 702.611	1405.250	676	5 555 185.187	646 168.497	1382.060	699	5 573 766.988	646 939.893	1523.010
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				516	5 593 439.498	647 967.761	1547.150	678	5 557 058.617	645 186.401	1401.500	701	5 574 445.737	647 064.447	1520.370
				517	5 593 959.154	646 233.586	1671.800	679	5 557 941.602	644 918.647	1410.860	702	5 574 766.988	646 939.893	1523.010
				518	5 590 088.793	646 212.824	1672.930	680				703	5 575 169.880	648 276.261	1509.860

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703	5 562 680.402	645 594.801	1468.060
704	5 562 609.922	645 609.018	1472.390
705	5 561 689.924	645 741.322	1470.300
706	5 560 755.280	645 874.150	1450.620
707	5 559 822.034	645 843.869	1478.390
708	5 556 710.457	647 658.960	1528.540
709	5 555 511.570	648 197.668	1413.500
710	5 543 984.652	649 567.796	1316.400
711	5 545 179.656	654 341.251	1505.820
712	5 545 549.600	653 878.324	1504.850
713	5 544 853.136	654 551.259	1496.540
714	5 544 085.883	654 796.598	1497.530
715	5 543 641.383	655 093.528	1500.290
716	5 543 448.798	655 513.443	1504.750

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