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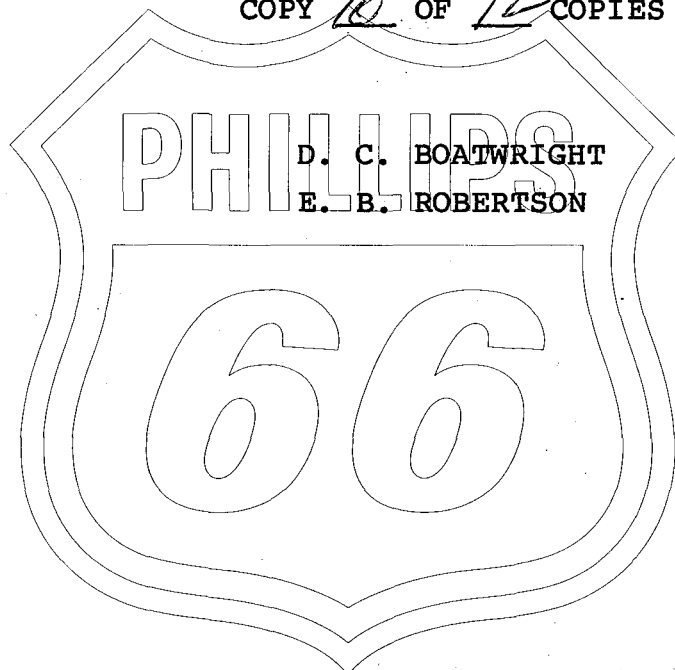
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Summary

This study evaluates the source rock potential of the 6430'-8861' interval of the 17/12-3X well from the Bream Field in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. Two intervals (6627'-7120' and 7393'-7868') are identified as potential sources of oil.

Introduction

The 6430' to 8861' interval of the 17/12-3X well from the Bream Field in the Norwegian North Sea was evaluated for its source rock potential. The interval studied includes a thin slice of the Neocomian rocks overlying a nearly complete Dogger-Malm sequence. These Middle to Late Jurassic sediments unconformably overlie sediments of questionable Triassic age. Of the 2431' studied, 1402' appear to have limited source rock potential. Two intervals (6627'-7120' and 7393'-7682') within the portion of the well dated as Volgian/Kimmeridgian appear to be potential source rocks for oil. Two other intervals in the well are identified as potential sources of gas or a gas/gas liquids mix. One of these (7120'-7393') is in the Volgian/Kimmeridgian whereas the other (8201'-8299') is in the portion of the well dated as Bathonian. An interval of rocks (8299'-8548') in the Bathonian appears to have potential as a gas source.

Summary of Potential Source Rocks

Age	Interval	Thickness	Probable Product
Volgian/Kimmeridgian	6627'-7120'	393'	Oil
Volgian/Kimmeridgian	7120'-7393'	373'	Gas or a gas/gas liquid mix
Volgian/Kimmeridgian	7393'-7682'	289'	Oil
Bathonian	8201'-8299'	98'	Gas or a gas/gas liquid mix
Bathonian	8299'-8548'	249'	Gas

Discussion

Albian/Berriasian: 6430'-6627'

The portion of the Albian/Berriasian interval that was sampled (6430'-6627') is not a potential source of hydrocarbons because the kerogen is oxidized. An Ro (vitrinite reflectance) value of 0.77 and a TAI (thermal alteration index) value of 2- indicate that the sediments are mature. The TOC (total organic carbon) value (1.0-3.0%) indicates that a rich source of organic carbon is available for catagenesis, but the marginal marine paleoenvironment suggested by the palynoflora (EPS Rept. 1710A) indicates that the organic component was oxidized before it was incorporated into the sediments. The HI (hydrogen index) value is 108.1 and the HC (hydrogen to carbon) ratio is .636.

Volgian/Kimmeridgian: 6627'-7682'

The portion of the well dated as Volgian/Kimmeridgian (6627'-7682') is divided into three units. The first unit (6627'-7120') is considered to be a source of liquid hydrocarbons. The second unit (7120'-7393') is a secondary source for gas or a mixture of gas and gas liquids whereas the third unit (7393'-7682') is a potential source of oil. This latter interval

is second only to the 6627'-7120' interval in its potential for generation of oil.

The Volgian/Kimmeridgian portion (6627'-7682') of the well is thermally mature. The Ro values range between 0.72 and 0.91 and the TAI values are between 2- and 2+. The slightly lower TAI values at the top of this unit are interpreted to be the result of caving from the less mature overlying sediments. The interval is within the prime "window" for generation of hydrocarbons. High TOC values (1.83-7.14%) indicate that a rich source of organic carbon is available for catagenesis.

Three units are delimited on the basis of their kerogen component. The first unit (6627'-7120') contains liquid prone kerogen with HI values ranging between 221.7 and 526.9 and HC ratios falling between 0.709 and 1.164. The unit is an oil source. The second unit (7120'-7395') has a mixed source of kerogen components that produce gas or a mixture of gas and gas condensates. The HI values are between 175.4 and 180.4 and the HC ratios fall between 0.721 and 0.784. A third unit (7393'-7682') has a kerogen component that is oil-prone with its HI values ranging between 225.0 and 408.4 and HC values between 0.759 and 1.015.

Oxfordian/Callovian: 7682'-7836'

The portion of the well dated as Oxfordian/Callovian (7682'-7836') is a poor source of hydrocarbons.

The sediments recovered in the Oxfordian/Callovian portion of the well are representative of the highly oxidative marginal marine depositional environment in which the amorphous alginitic fraction of the kerogen was oxidized prior to preservation. The organic fraction has a higher than usual unoxidized terrestrial component and this kerogen could source gas of a mixture of gas/gas liquids. This section is thermally mature with the Ro values between 0.85 and 0.92 and the TAI values from 2+ to 3-.

Both thermal parameters indicate that the sediments encountered are in the prime thermal "window" favorable for hydrocarbon catagenesis. The TOC values indicate that a rich (2.46 to 5.4%) source of organic carbon is preserved in the sediments. The HI values range between 39.1 and 157.9 and the HC ratios range between 0.558 and 0.607.

Bathonian: 7836'-8548'

Three units are delimited in the Bathonian portion (7836'-8548') of the well. The first unit (7836'-8548') is a poor source of hydrocarbons with the limiting factor being the oxidizing character of its marginal marine depositional environment. A second unit (8201'-8299') is a potential source of gas or a gas/gas liquids mixture, whereas the third unit (8299'-8548') is a potential source of gas.

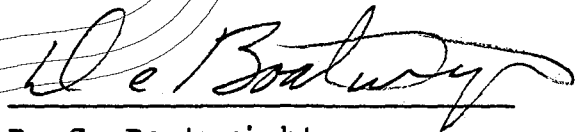
The Bathonian portion of the well is thermally mature. Ro values are from 0.85 to 0.92 and TAI values range between 2+ and 3-. Both thermal parameters indicate that the sediments are within the prime "window" of hydrocarbon generation. TOC values range between 1.42 and 5.90%. An absence of marine palynomorphs suggests that the two high TOC values (13.87% at 7808'-7907' and 15.91 at 8300'-8399') most likely indicate the presence of paralic coals.

The Bathonian (7836'-8540') is subdivided into three units based on the quality of the kerogen contained in the sediments. The first unit (7836'-8201') is liquid-prone with the limiting factor being the oxidizing character of the depositional environment. The HI values for this unit are from 51.7 to 192.9 and the HC ratios range between 0.565 to 0.716. The second unit (8201'-8299') is a potential source of gas or gas and gas condensate. The HI values range from 178.8 to 288.7 and the HC ratios range between 0.725 and 0.864. The third unit (8299'-8548') is liquid-prone. The HI values range between 31.0 and 254.7 and the HC ratios range between 0.539 to 0.826.

?Triassic: 8548'-8949'

The portion of the well that is interpreted as questionable Triassic in age is divided into two units. The first unit (8548' to 8758') is a marginal source for gas or a mixture of gas and gas liquids. A second unit (8758-8971') is, at best, a lean source of gas. The factor limiting the hydrocarbon potential of the upper unit (8548' to 8758') is the oxidizing character of its marginal marine environment of deposition. The limiting factor in the second unit (8650' to 8861') is an absence of readily available organic carbon.

The sediments found in the ?Triassic portion of the well are thermally mature based on Ro values of 0.85 to 0.91 and TAI values of 2+ to 3-. This interval is well within the prime generation window for hydrocarbons. The depositional environment is interpreted to range from marginal marine at the top of the interval to estuarine at its base with the boundary roughly corresponding to a two part division of the interval. The first unit (8548' to 8758') is liquid-prone with TOC values classified as fair (0.23-0.88%). The HI values range between 31.0 and 134.6 whereas the HC ratios fall between 0.539 and 0.670. The second unit (8650'-8861') is gas or gas/liquid mix prone. This unit has low TOC values (0.32-0.59) and therefore is only a lean source of organic carbon available for catagenesis. The HI values range between 86.4 and 121.5 and the HC ratios range between 0.609 and 0.653.




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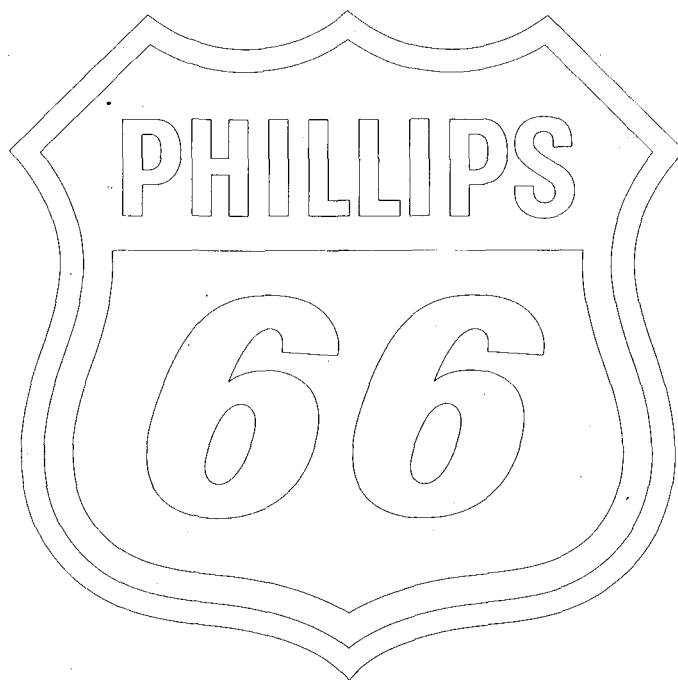
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INTERVAL (FEET)		TYPE	TAI	(LIQUID) (GAS)		RO		RANGE			#	TDC
TOP	BSE			EX.	AM.	VI	IN	M	SDEV	MD		
6430	6529	C	2-	90	10	0.75	.04	0.73	0.69	0.82	17	
6627	6726	C	2-	80	20	0.77	.04	0.79	0.66	0.81	13	2.25
6824	6922	C	2	80	20	0.77	.05	0.66	0.68	0.87	41	2.30
6922	7021	C	2	80	20	0.77	.05	0.82	0.69	0.84	28	5.84
7021	7120	C	2	60	40	0.72	.04	0.68	0.66	0.79	36	4.32
7120	7218	C	2	60	40	0.77	.04	0.73	0.71	0.85	35	1.83
7218	7316	C	2+	50	50	0.83	.04	0.84	0.76	0.90	33	2.03
7300	7301	S	2	60	40	0.86	.04	0.83	0.81	0.94	31	2.63
7316	7415	C	2+	60	40	0.85	.05	0.82	0.72	0.93	22	5.12
7415	7513	C	2+	70	30	0.91	.04	0.95	0.84	0.97	25	7.14
7480	7481	S	2	60	40	0.83	.03	0.81	0.77	0.89	25	3.76
7513	7611	C	2+	80	20	0.92	.05	0.98	0.83	0.98	29	4.16
7550	7551	S				0.82	.02	0.81	0.79	0.86	18	2.46
7611	7710	C	2+	70	30	0.89	.04	0.94	0.82	0.94	22	3.08
7650	7651	S	2+	70	20 10	0.89	.05	0.85	0.79	0.97	33	5.44
7710	7808	C	2+	60	40	0.85	.04	0.83	0.80	0.93	24	2.99
7740	7741	S	2+	60	40	0.88	.04	0.91	0.82	0.95	17	5.10
7750	7751	S	2+	60	40							
7760	7761	S	2+	60	30 10	0.90	.06	0.84	0.80	1.00	22	5.40
7803	7804	S	2+	60	40	0.93	.24	0.57	0.76	1.10	2	0.48
7808	7907	C	2+	60	40	0.91	.05	0.85	0.85	0.98	22	13.87
7832	7833	S	3-	60	40	0.88	.08	0.55	0.82	0.93	2	5.30
7845	7846	S	3-	60	40	0.88	.01	0.58	0.87	0.88	2	0.23
7875	7876	S	2+	70	20 10	0.86	.08	0.51	0.79	0.97	5	5.90
7907	8005	C	2+	70	30	0.89	.04	0.87	0.84	0.95	18	5.16
7975	7976	S	2+	80	20							0.21
8005	8104	C	2+	70	30	0.90	.05	0.96	0.82	0.96	18	2.54
8104	8202	C	2+	60	40	0.91	.05	0.85	0.85	0.95	5	2.52
8110	8111	S	2+	60	40							1.42
8202	8300	C	2+	80	20	0.88	.06	0.86	0.76	0.95	20	2.17
8300	8399	C	3-	70	30	0.89	.05	0.83	0.83	0.98	28	15.91
8365	8366	S	3+	70	30	0.86	.03	0.83	0.82	0.91	8	8.60
8399	8497	C	2+	70	30	0.92	.05	0.94	0.84	0.98	16	9.61
8440	8441	S	2+	70	20 10	0.92	.06	0.98	0.82	0.98	18	0.87
8497	8596	C	2+	60	30 10	0.85	.04	0.82	0.82	0.93	18	4.28
8500	8501	S	3-	70	20 10	0.88	.08	0.81	0.81	0.99	6	1.47
8596	8694	C	2+	70	20 10	0.91	.04	0.82	0.82	0.93	18	0.82

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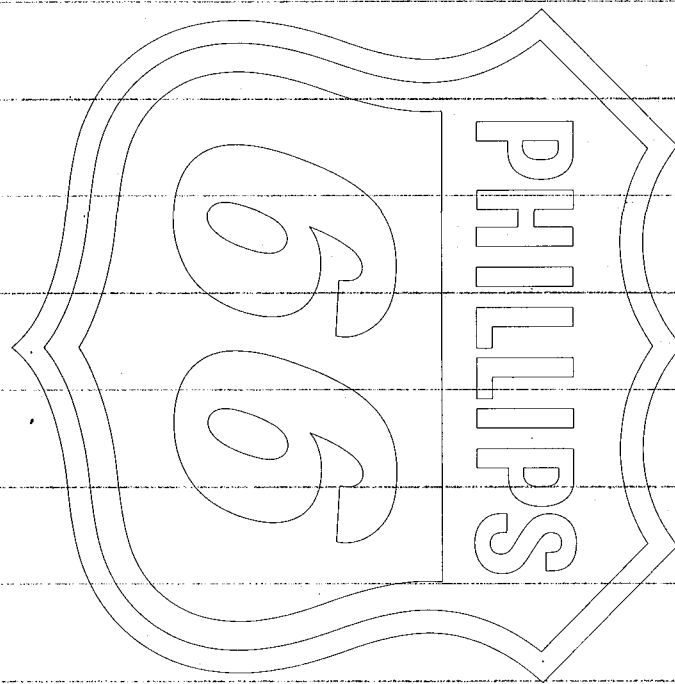
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8615	8616	S	2+	60	40	0.86	.25	0.64	0.68	1.03	2	0.23	
8650	8651	S	3-	70	30	0.91	.06	0.82	0.82	0.99	21	0.32	
8694	8792	C	3-	60	30 10	0.91	.04	0.87	0.84	0.98	27	0.79	
8740	8741	S	3-	70	30							0.52	
8792	8889	C	2+	60	40	0.91	.06	0.98	0.82	0.98	18	0.59	
8860	8861	S	2+	80	20							0.20	



PYROLYSIS RESULTS FOR SAMPLES FROM THE BREAM 17/12-3X, NORTH SEA, NORWAY

STRAT. INTERVAL	SPL TYP	SAMPLE DEPTH FEET	TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON WT. %	S1 MG. HC/ G. ROCK	S2 MG. HC/ G. ROCK	PRODUCTION INDEX S1/(S1+S2)	THERMAL EXTRACTION INDEX MG/G.	HYDROGEN INDEX MG/G.	HYDROGEN TO CARBON ATOMIC RATIO	GEOCHEM SAMPLE CODE
CUT		6529-6627	1.11	.11	1.20	.084	9.91	108.1	.636	EP83BSY
CUT		6627-6726	2.25	.29	3.74	.072	12.89	166.2	.709	EP83BSZ
CUT		6726-6824	2.06	.22	4.72	.045	10.68	229.1	.789	EP83BTA
CUT		6824-6922	2.30	.22	5.10	.041	9.57	221.7	.779	EP83BTB
CUT		6922-7021	5.84	.73	30.77	.023	12.50	526.9	1.164	EP83BTC
CUT		7021-7120	4.32	.40	19.84	.020	9.26	459.3	1.079	EP83BTD
CUT		7120-7218	1.33	.15	3.30	.043	8.20	180.3	.727	EP83BTE
CUT		7218-7316	2.03	.17	3.56	.040	8.37	175.4	.721	EP83BTF
SWC		7300	2.63	.22	5.40	.039	8.37	205.3	.759	EP83BTE
CUT		7316-7415	5.12	.26	11.55	.022	5.08	225.6	.784	EP83BTG
CUT		7415-7513	7.14	.74	29.16	.025	10.36	408.4	1.015	EP83BTH
SWC		7480	3.76	.32	10.76	.029	8.51	286.2	.861	EP83BTH
CUT		7513-7611	4.16	.42	12.63	.032	10.10	303.6	.883	EP83BTI
SWC		7550	2.46	.08	1.13	.066	3.25	45.9	.558	EP83BTI
CUT		7611-7710	3.08	.21	4.86	.041	6.82	157.8	.699	EP83BTJ
SWC		7650	5.44	.17	4.52	.039	3.12	83.1	.605	EP83BTJ
CUT		7710-7808	2.99	.11	2.53	.042	3.68	84.6	.607	EP83BTK
SWC		7740	5.10	3.30	5.65	.332	64.71	130.4	.664	EP83BTK
SWC		7760	4.40	.12	2.11	.054	2.22	39.1	.549	EP83BTK
SWC		7803	3.48	.11	3.37	.029	2.92	77.1	.597	EP83BTK
CUT		7808-7907	13.87	.88	14.00	.059	6.34	100.9	.627	EP83BTL
SWC		7832	5.50	.32	2.33	.121	6.04	44.0	.555	EP83BTL
SWC		7845	5.23							EP83BTL
SWC		7875	5.90	.29	3.05	.087	4.92	51.7	.565	EP83BTL
CUT		7907-8005	5.16	.43	8.83	.048	8.33	171.1	.716	EP83BTL
SWC		7975	5.21							EP83BTL
CUT		8005-8104	2.54	.20	2.51	.074	7.87	98.8	.625	EP83BTN
CUT		8104-8202	2.52	.35	4.86	.057	13.89	192.9	.743	EP83BTN
SWC		8110	1.42	.41	4.10	.091	28.87	288.7	.864	EP83BTO
CUT		8202-8300	2.17	.31	3.88	.074	14.29	178.8	.725	EP83BTO
CUT		8300-8399	15.91	1.03	17.08	.057	6.47	107.4	.635	EP83BTP
SWC		8355	8.60	.50	21.90	.022	5.81	254.7	.821	EP83BTP
CUT		8399-8497	9.51	.65	9.87	.062	6.76	102.7	.629	EP83BTP
SWC		8440	5.87	.06	2.27	.182	6.90	31.0	.539	EP83BTR
CUT		8497-8596	4.28	.48	5.76	.077	11.21	134.6	.670	EP83BTR
SWC		8500	1.47	.12	1.69	.066	8.16	115.0	.645	EP83BTR
CUT		8596-8694	.82	.12	.70	.146	14.63	85.4	.608	EP83BTS
SWC		8600	.27							EP83BTS
SWC		8615	.23							EP83BTS
SWC		8650	.32							EP83BTS
CUT		8694-8792	.79	.11	.96	.103	13.92	121.5	.653	EP83BTT
SWC		8740	.52	.06	.45	.118	11.54	86.5	.609	EP83BTT
CUT		8792-8891	.59	.10	.51	.164	16.95	86.4	.609	EP83BTV
SWC		8860	< .20							EP83BTV

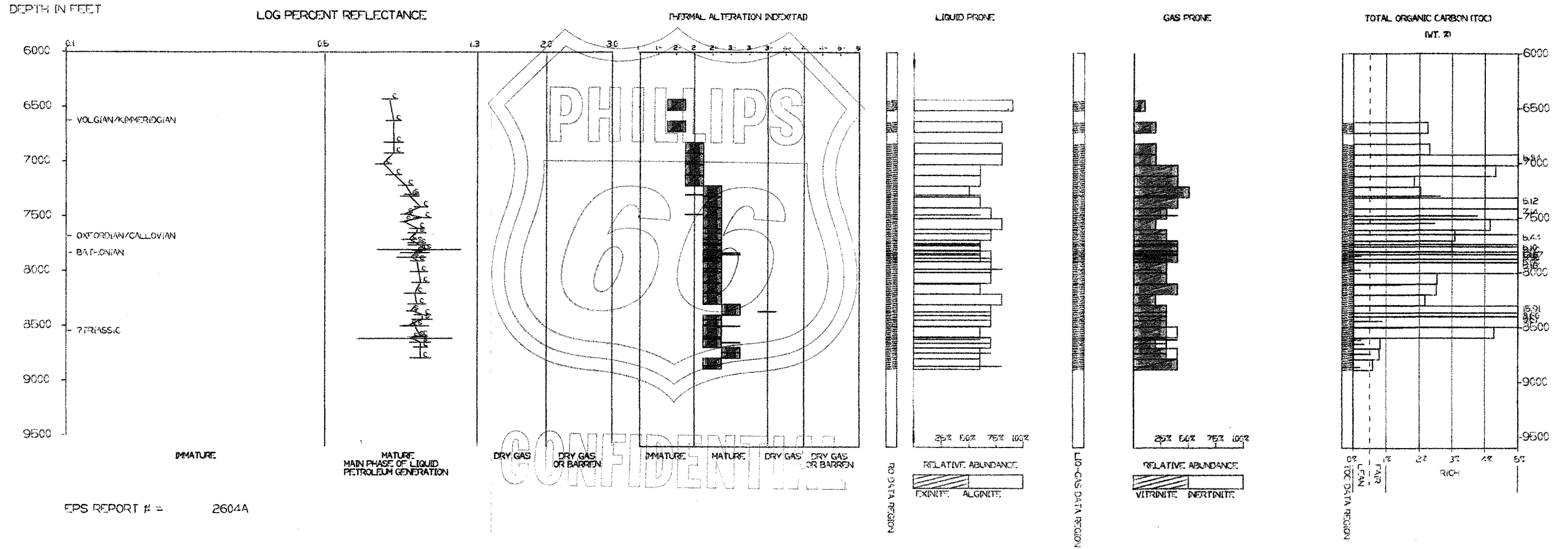
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