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2778m - 4570m

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I

SUMMARY

1. The youngest deposits analysed in this re-entry well are of Eocene age.
2. Tertiary sediments of Eocene to Palaeocene age are present, with a basal Danian interval composed of shales and chalk.
3. The Tertiary/Upper Cretaceous contact appears to be conformable.
4. Chalk dominates the Upper Cretaceous sequence in which deposits of Maastrichtian to ?Cenomanian age are represented.
5. The Upper Cretaceous is conformable upon Lower Cretaceous shales of Albian to ?Ryazanian age.
6. A thin unit of Upper Jurassic, late Volgian age lies beneath the Cretaceous and is possibly conformable. It rests upon shales with minor sand of indeterminate age in which the well terminates at 4570m.

II.

INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the results of the micropalaeontological, palynological and stratigraphical analyses which have been carried out on material received from the section 2778m - 4570m from the Statoil 1/9-3 (Re-entry) Norwegian North Sea Well under Project No. RRPS/789/A/1546.

Under this project a total of 544 ditch cuttings and 5 sidewall core samples was analysed using standard micropalaeontological and lithological techniques. In addition 51 individual and 2 composited ditch cuttings, and 2 sidewall core samples covering the section 3800m - 4569m were treated palynologically.

Work on the pre-Tertiary section of this well was hampered by the very poor quality of ditch cuttings samples which probably resulted from extensive use of a diamond bit below 3400m. As a result many of the boundaries from this part of the well must be considered to be tentative.

The basic breakdown obtained by these analyses has already been communicated by telex and telephone and forms the framework of factual information on which this report is based. A summary of the sequence penetrated in this well can be seen on page 4.

The Jurassic biostratigraphic units used in this report are those proposed in our study - "The Jurassic of North West Europe: Offshore Project". Their stratigraphical significance is summarised in Appendix B.

The lithostratigraphic terminology is taken from Deegan and Scull, 1977.

The prepared samples and recorded information are now filed and curated in the confidential records section of these laboratories.

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III

SUCCESSION

<u>System/Subsystem</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Interval</u>
Eocene	-	2778m - 2787m
Lower Eocene	-	2793m - 2859m
Palaeocene	-	2865m - 2955m
Lower Palaeocene	Danian	2958m - 3147m
	(Maastrichtian	3153m - 3354m
	(
	(Campanian	3360m - 3468m
Upper Cretaceous	(
	(Santonian - Coniacian	3474m - 3534m
	(
	(Turonian - ?Cenomanian	3540m - 3789m
	(
	(Albian	3791m - 3834m
	(
Lower Cretaceous	(early Albian - Aptian	3843m - 3975m
	(
	(Barremian - ?Ryazanian	3981m - 4265m
Upper Jurassic	late Volgian (unit n)	4265m - 4280.5m
	Indeterminate	4281m - 4570m(TI

This breakdown is based upon ditch cuttings samples, sidewall cores and limited log information supplied by Statoil.

IV

TERTIARY

INTERVAL 2778m - 2787m; EOCENE

The age assigned to this interval has been based upon the following:

- the occurrence of the foraminifera Cyclammina challinori.
- the general nature of the microfaunas.
- its stratigraphic position above sediments of definite Lower Eocene age.

LITHOLOGY

Light grey and light olive grey shales predominate in this interval. In addition subordinate hard, light grey limestone occurs and hard yellowish brown dolomite persists in the sample residues in very small amounts.

This interval is assigned to the Hordaland Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The microfaunas over this short interval are dominated by fine grained agglutinating foraminifera with a single planktonic form occurring at 2787m. Bathysiphon spp. and Cyclammina spp. are the most common forms. The general make up of the microfaunas and the occurrence of Cyclammina challinori at 2787m indicate an Eocene age. This is supported by the stratigraphic position of the interval above Lower Eocene sediments.

Pyritised and unpyritised species of the diatom Coscinodiscus are present over the interval and flattened, reticulate, greenish grey radiolaria occur in the topmost sample.

Upper Cretaceous reworking is evident at 2781m where Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa occurs.

ENVIRONMENT

An outer shelf to bathyal environment is postulated for this interval on the predominance of fine grained agglutinating foraminifera in the microfaunas.

INTERVAL 2793m - 2859m; LOWER EOCENE

A Lower Eocene age can be assigned to this interval on the following:

- the occurrence of the diagnostic agglutinating form Spiroplectammina spectabilis at 2793m.

LITHOLOGY

Light grey and light olive grey shales occur throughout this interval. Light grey to off-white shales are present at 2817m and these are weakly calcareous; thin, hard, light grey limestones occur locally. Yellowish brown, crystalline, vuggy dolomite or siderite is recorded at 2823m in small amounts.

This interval probably belongs to the Hordaland Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

Spiroplectammina spectabilis occurs at 2793m, allowing a Lower Eocene age to be assigned to this interval.

Relatively impoverished microfaunas are present over this interval and the assemblages lack diversity. Agglutinating foraminifera predominate and the most common forms are Bathysiphon spp. and Cyclammina spp.

Coscinodiscus spp. and radiolaria become more significant in the poor microfaunas. The former may be pyritised or unpyritised and occur abundantly throughout the interval. The latter are flattened, reticulate, often stained pale greenish grey and occur sporadically.

Minor Cretaceous reworking is evident with Globigerinelloides cf. asper occurring at 2799m.

ENVIRONMENT

Continued deposition in an outer shelf to bathyal environment is envisaged with the microfaunas showing no significant change from those of the overlying unit.

INTERVAL 2865m - 2955m; PALAEOCENE

The Palaeocene age of this interval is based upon:

- the occurrence of the diatom Coscinodiscus sp. 1 at 2865m.
- the subsequent occurrence of Coscinodiscus sp. 2.

LITHOLOGY

Dark grey and medium grey shales predominate in this interval with common olive grey shales. Light grey, slightly pyritic limestone occur at 2862m and persists in the ditch cuttings samples to 2886m, where there is a significant increase in the amount of limestone in the sample. Traces of limestone are also recorded at 2922m. Six sidewall cores from this interval were received and these consist of olive grey to olive black shales. Full descriptions of the sidewall cores form Appendix A at the end of this report.

Traces of fine grained, angular sand and yellow brown siderite are present at 2949m and 2955m.

These sediments have been assigned to the Rogaland Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The diagnostic form Coscinodiscus sp. 1 is present at 2865m and a Palaeocene age for the interval is confirmed by the subsequent occurrence of Coscinodiscus sp. 2 at 2883m.

Microfaunas are extremely poor and characterised by species of Coscinodiscus and large, flattened, reticulate radiolaria. Coscinodiscus sp. 1 occurs persistently while C. sp. 2 occurs more rarely. The foraminiferal component of the assemblages is made up by Bathysiphon spp., Cyclammina spp. and occasionally other agglutinating

foraminifera such as Trochammina sp., Cystamina sp. and Spiroplectamina spectabilis.

Reworking of Danian and Cretaceous forms is more important over this interval with reworked forms occurring consistently and in relatively high numbers.

A sidewall core at 2922m proved barren of in situ foraminifera.

ENVIRONMENT

Outer shelf to bathyal conditions are again suggested on the basis of the microfaunas.

INTERVAL 2958m - 3147m; LOWER PALAEOCENE, DANIAN

The age of this interval is based upon the following:

- the occurrence of diagnostic Danian foraminifera, at and below 2958m, which are presumed to be in situ.

LITHOLOGY

Medium grey shales are present between 2958m - 3084m and form the predominant lithology. Traces of fine grained, angular sand are present at the top of the interval between 2958m - 2967m. Light grey limestone or chalk is first apparent in the ditch cuttings samples at 2997m, and subsequently (at 3012m - 3030m) yellowish grey, finely crystalline limestone is present. Olive grey shales are present below 3030m in association with medium grey shales.

There is an influx of chalky, light yellowish grey limestone or chalk at 3084m and carbonates dominate the remainder of the section, although some fissile, medium grey shales are present between 3108m - 3123m.

The Rogaland Group is represented by the argillaceous section down to 3077m; below this chalk forms the Chalk Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The diagnostic Danian forms Globigerina triloculinoides, Globigerina pseudobulloides, Lamarckina palaeocenica, Anomalinoides velascoensis, Globorotalia compressa and Gavelinella vombensis are present at 2958m and further diagnostic foraminifera occur within the interval. The Danian forms are associated with numerous reworked Cretaceous microfossils, however, and it is possible that some of these diagnostic forms could result from reworking of Danian deposits. The top of the Danian and the age determination have not, therefore, been based solely on the presence of these diagnostic forms, but on a marked change in the microfaunas involving the increase in numbers of calcareous benthonic and planktonic foraminifera.

Microfaunas over this interval are much more diverse and numerous compared to those in the overlying Palaeocene. They comprise small numbers of agglutinating foraminifera, of which Bathysiphon spp., Ammodiscus incertus and Spiroplectammina spectabilis are the most important, and numerous planktonic and calcareous benthonic forms, the most common being those discussed above.

The top of the interval coincides with an influx of large, flattened, reticulate radiolaria. A subsequent influx of small, round radiolaria occurs at 3084m and below 3096m these have a distinct white preservation.

Reworked Cretaceous forms common to the interval include Pseudotextularia elegans elegans, P. elegans fructicosa, Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa, Biglobigerinella multispina and Heterohelix spp.

ENVIRONMENT

The change in microfaunas over this interval indicates an outer shelf environment with good open marine connections being suggested by the abundant planktonic foraminifera.

CRETACEOUSINTERVAL 3153m - 3354m; UPPER CRETACEOUS, MAASTRICHTIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the presence of Pseudotextularia elegans fructicosa, Brizalina incrassata incrassata and Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa at 3153m and below.
- the subsequent occurrences of other diagnostic Upper Cretaceous forms including Pseudotextularia elegans elegans within the interval.

LITHOLOGY

Yellowish grey and pale brown chalk occurs throughout this interval. Stylolitic surfaces are present locally below 3237m.

This interval and those in the underlying Upper Cretaceous are assigned to the Chalk Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The appearance of Pseudotextularia elegans fructicosa, Brizalina incrassata incrassata and Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa at 3153m indicates that the Maastrichtian has been penetrated, their presence within a typical Upper Cretaceous microfauna suggesting that they are in situ and not reworked as in the overlying Danian. The occurrence of Pseudotextularia elegans fructicosa, together with Pseudotextularia elegans elegans in the upper part of this interval, further indicates that late Maastrichtian deposits are present, suggesting that the Tertiary/Upper Cretaceous boundary is conformable.

The assemblages from this interval are moderately rich and dominated by planktonic forms, principally Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa. Calcareous benthonic foraminifera are also present together with rarer agglutinating specimens. Ostracoda, radiolaria and echinoderm debris occur through much of the unit.

Samples were not received from the interval 3171m - 3234m.

Tertiary caving was noted in the interval and throughout the Upper Cretaceous.

ENVIRONMENT

The predominance of planktonic foraminifera and the presence of a chalk lithology suggest that deposition occurred in an open marine, outer shelf environment.

INTERVAL 3360m - 3468m; UPPER CRETACEOUS, CAMPANIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the occurrence of Globotruncana sp. 1 at 3360m.
- the subsequent appearance and consistent occurrence of Globotruncana marginata within the interval.

LITHOLOGY

White to yellowish grey chalk predominates in this interval. The sidewall core at 3405m consists of a firm, platy, light grey chalk or limestone.

Additive is present below 3408m.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The appearance of Globotruncana sp. 1 at 3360m marks the top of the Campanian. The subsequent occurrence, often in large numbers, of Globotruncana marginata within the interval confirms the presence of Campanian deposits. The assemblages are quite rich in the upper part of this unit, but numbers decline towards the base. Planktonic foraminifera again dominate the microfaunas while radiolaria are prominent below 3408m.

ENVIRONMENT

Outer shelf conditions are indicated by the presence of planktonic-rich microfaunas within a chalk lithology.

INTERVAL 3474m - 3534m; UPPER CRETACEOUS, SANTONIAN -

CONIACIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the appearance at 3474m of Stensioina praeexsculpta.
- its relative stratigraphic position.

LITHOLOGY

Yellowish white chalk is the predominant lithology in this interval. Some of the section appears to have been drilled with a diamond bit and the characteristics of the chalk destroyed.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The foraminiferal recovery from this part of the section is relatively poor due to the quality of samples produced by the use of a diamond bit. The appearance of Stensioina praeexsculpta at 3474m indicates that Santonian deposits are present at this depth. The position of this interval, lying as it does on top of definitely dated Turonian sediments, suggests that it may also include some Coniacian deposits. The possibility that an unconformity may also be present cannot be excluded, however.

ENVIRONMENT

Outer shelf conditions are postulated for this interval, although the low number of foraminifera recovered may reflect reduced open marine influences.

INTERVAL 3540m - 3789m; UPPER CRETACEOUS, TURONIAN -

?CENOMANIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the occurrence of Praeglobotruncana delrioensis at 3540m.
- the consistent occurrence of specimens of Praeglobotruncana.
- its relative stratigraphic position.

LITHOLOGY

The ditch cuttings samples suggest that platy white chalk is the predominant lithology in this section. Some sections within this interval appear to have been drilled with a diamond bit and as a result the exact nature of the cuttings is indistinct.

Sidewall core samples were taken in this interval. Those between 3570m - 3610m consist of firm, platy, light grey chalk or limestone, while those at 3677m, 3681m and 3695m are firm, dark grey to black shales. The sidewall core at 3680m appears to be a light olive grey to yellowish brown limestone which may be sideritic. The shales correspond to those present in the ditch cuttings between 3663m - 3687m. This shaly development is considered to be the Plenus Marl Formation within the Chalk Group. Below this the Hydra Formation is thought to be present.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The top of this interval is marked by the appearance of Praeglobotruncana delrioensis at 3540m which indicates that Turonian deposits have been penetrated. The microfaunas are again generally sparse, although isolated samples are very rich in flattened specimens of Praeglobotruncana spp. which are too poorly preserved to be identified more closely. The presence of a shale sequence between 3663m and 3687m thought to represent the Plenus Marl suggests that sediments of Cenomanian age are present at the base of this interval. No Cenomanian restricted fossils were recovered, however, and consequently a Turonian - ?Cenomanian age has been assigned.

There is an influx of yellow-stained radiolaria at 3693m which may be of local significance.

ENVIRONMENT

An outer shelf environment is envisaged with open marine influences which were generally weak, although limited periods of greater open marine influence are suggested by the large numbers of Praeglobotruncana seen in some isolated samples.

INTERVAL 3791m - 3834m; LOWER CRETACEOUS, ALBIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the appearance of large numbers of Hedbergella delrioensis in the sidewall core from 3791m.
- a corresponding but less distinct influx of H. delrioensis in the cuttings sample at 3795m.

LITHOLOGY

Light grey and greenish grey shales occur in association with beds of chalky limestone. The sidewall cores examined from this interval consist of firm to soft, light yellowish grey, chalky limestones and dark to medium grey shales, which may be calcareous or non-calcareous.

This interval and the remaining deposits of the Lower Cretaceous are assigned to the Cromer Knoll Group.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The appearance of large numbers of Hedbergella delrioensis in the sidewall core at 3791m provides the first downhole evidence of Lower Cretaceous deposits. The nature of the microfauna, dominated by H. delrioensis, indicates that the youngest Lower Cretaceous sediments are of Albian age, suggesting that the Upper Cretaceous/Lower Cretaceous boundary is conformable.

The recovery from the cuttings samples is generally poor and although the influx of H. delrioensis can be seen it is less clear than in the sidewall core.

PALYNOLOGY

The sidewall core at 3830m yielded a fairly sparse but relatively diverse dinocyst dominated palynoflora, in which many species are of pre-Albian age. Forms such as Ctenidodinium elegantulum and Phoberocysta neocomica do not range younger than Aptian, and Muderongia simplex ranges no younger than early Barremian. A Hauterivian - Valanginian age is suggested by the presence of Gonyaulacysta cladophora (sensu DUXBURY) and Oligosphaeridium sp. 1. However, ?Astrocysta cretacea and Odontochitina operculata range no older than Barremian.

This mixed assemblage may be the result of considerable reworking of Neocomian deposits into a section of Albian age with the in situ forms being represented by long-ranging species.

ENVIRONMENT

The predominance of planktonic foraminifera in the assemblages from this interval suggests that strong open marine influences existed and that outer shelf conditions probably prevailed.

INTERVAL 3843m - 3975m; LOWER CRETACEOUS, EARLY ALBIAN - APTIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the appearance of green-stained agglutinating foraminifera at 3843m.
- the subsequent occurrence within the interval of several specimens of "Lingulogavelinella" gyroidinaeformis.
- an influx of cf. Canningia minor at 3906m.

LITHOLOGY

Medium grey shales predominate throughout this interval, although red shales occur at 3888m and reappear at 3897m. In addition traces of sphaerosiderite are recorded at 3924m. The samples from this interval are often contaminated by lost circulation material and metal fragments.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The appearance of rare green-stained agglutinating foraminifera at 3843m suggests that early Albian - Aptian deposits have been penetrated and this is confirmed by the subsequent occurrence of several specimens of "Lingulogavelinella" gyroidinaeformis. Sphaerosiderite, seen at 3924m, is also typically present in sediments of early Albian - Aptian age. Planktonic foraminifera again dominate the rather poor microfaunas, although agglutinating and, to a lesser extent, calcareous benthonic foraminifera are more prominent.

Ostracoda appear near the base of this interval.

PALYNOLOGY

Ditch cuttings samples from this interval generally yielded sparse palynofloras, largely composed of long-ranging species which suggest only a general early Cretaceous age. An organic additive compound is present in this section which may be responsible for dilution of the organic residues.

At 3906m the influx of cf. Canningia minor may indicate an Aptian age.

ENVIRONMENT

The occurrence of more varied microfaunas suggests that slightly shallower, inner to outer shelf conditions existed at this time. The predominance of planktonic foraminifera reflects strong open marine influences.

INTERVAL 3981m - 4265m; LOWER CRETACEOUS, BARREMIAN - ?RYAZANIAN

The age assigned to this interval is based on the following:

- the appearance of the ostracode Cytherella cf. pyriformis at 3981m.

- the occurrence of common ostracoda and Lenticulina spp.
- the presence of a diverse palynomorph assemblage at 4083m including ?Gonyaulacysta kostromiensis, Oligosphaeridium sp. 1 and representatives of the Phoberocysta neocomica/Muderongia simplex group.

LITHOLOGY

Shales predominate throughout this interval. These vary from medium grey to medium dark grey, dark brown and brownish black. Traces of red shale are present at 3987m, 4032m and 4059m. Small amounts of medium grained, white angular sand are present at 4023m and below, but these may be caved.

Lost circulation material is common, especially in the lower part of this interval.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

The appearance of the ostracode Cytherella cf. pyriformis at 3981m indicates that Barremian - Hauterivian deposits have been penetrated. The microfauna of the upper part of this interval, above approximately 4100m, contains common ostracoda and Lenticulina spp. This is a typical feature of Barremian to Hauterivian assemblages.

The microfaunas from the upper part of this interval are rather poor while below 4107m the ditch cuttings are barren of foraminifera except for two samples at the base of the unit which contain rare, non-diagnostic, possibly caved forms.

PALYNOLOGY

Palynofloras are very sparse and non-age diagnostic down to 4071m, largely due to dilution by additive. In a richer and more diverse assemblage at 4083m the association of ?Gonyaulacysta kostromiensis, Oligosphaeridium sp. 1 and the Phoberocysta neocomica/Muderongia simplex group suggests a Hauterivian - Valanginian age.

Additive is abundant, and palynomorphs rare, from 4095m to the base of the interval. No further biostratigraphic interpretation is possible from the meagre palynofloras.

Consequently, it is not possible to establish the age of the oldest Cretaceous deposits present, but in view of the thickness of this interval, a relatively complete Neocomian sequence may be present, possibly as old as Ryazanian at the base. The Cretaceous/Jurassic boundary may well be conformable.

ENVIRONMENT

The microfaunas from the upper part of the interval contain few planktonic foraminifera and their general characteristics suggest deposition in an inner shelf environment with reduced open marine influences. Similar conditions are thought to have existed through the lower part of the interval.

VI

JURASSIC

INTERVAL 4265m - 4280.5m; UPPER JURASSIC, LATE VOLGIAN (unit n)

The top of this unit is based on the significant log break at 4265m (information supplied by Statoil).

The age is based upon the presence of abundant Pterospermopsis spp. and P. aureolata, and common leiospheres in the sidewall core from 4280.5m.

LITHOLOGY

The ditch cuttings samples from this interval consist mainly of shales similar to those seen in the overlying interval. However, brownish black, waxy shales are present at 4269m and a slight increase in black or greyish black shale is recorded at 4278m. Lost circulation material is common in the ditch cuttings samples.

The sidewall core at 4280.5m consists of a very hard, olive black to brownish black, slightly micaceous, slightly carbonaceous, non-calcareous shale.

This interval has been assigned to the Kimmeridge Clay Formation.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

No in situ microfauna was recovered from this interval.

PALYNOLOGY

The sidewall core sample from 4280.5m yielded a palynofloral assemblage almost entirely dominated by species of Pterospermopsis. A late Volgian (unit n) age is normally indicated by this palynofloral development.

ENVIRONMENT

The association of abundant Pterospermopsis spp., common leiospheres and abundant amorphous sapropel indicates deposition in a restricted marine situation with anaerobic conditions at the sediment/water interface.

VII

INDETERMINATE

INTERVAL 4281m - 4570m (T.D.); INDETERMINATE

No in situ microfossils were recovered from the samples of this interval which were heavily contaminated by additive. Consequently no definite conclusions as to the age of the basal section of this well can be made.

LITHOLOGY

The samples from this interval are generally very poor and some consist of about 90% additive, particularly at the base of the section.

Black and dark grey shales are present at the top of the section with small amounts of brownish siltstone and traces of bone fragments. Fine grained white sand also occurs in small amounts. Light grey shales, which may possibly be caved from the Lower Cretaceous, occur sporadically. Traces of medium grained, white sand are present in some samples. It is thought that the sand might possibly represent Permo-Trias deposits, but in view of the poor quality of the samples this is only a tentative suggestion.

MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

Only rare caved foraminifera are present in the samples of this interval. No in situ microfauna was recovered.

PALYNOLOGY

All samples examined palynologically yielded an abundance of an organic additive compound. Despite the evidence of a late Volgian age at 4280.5m, no Jurassic restricted taxa were recovered below this depth, only rare Lower Cretaceous elements being encountered. The presence of abundant additive has presumably totally obscured any in situ material.

ENVIRONMENT

In view of the lack of evidence, no conclusions on the environment of deposition of this basal interval can be drawn.

VIII

PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Black and dark grey shales together with small amounts of sand of indeterminate age occupy the basal section of this well from 4570m to 4281m. The poor quality of samples over this interval precludes any palaeoenvironmental conclusions being drawn.

Similar dark shales of Upper Jurassic, late Volgian age overlie the basal unit. Deposition in restricted marine conditions is indicated with anaerobic conditions at the sediment/water interface.

Shales continued to be deposited throughout the overlying Lower Cretaceous. Restricted inner shelf conditions persisted throughout the ?Ryazanian - Barremian interval, but at the end of this period slight deepening of the environment occurred with the Aptian to early Albian sediments being deposited in inner to outer shelf conditions. The remaining Albian shales were laid down in outer shelf conditions which extended throughout the overlying Upper Cretaceous chalk and into the chalk and shales of the Danian.

Shales and interbedded limestones characterise the Palaeocene, Lower Eocene and Eocene intervals and these are the youngest sediments encountered in the well. Deepening of the environment to include bathyal depths occurred at the onset of Palaeocene times and continued into the Eocene.

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APPENDIX A

Sidewall Core Descriptions

Depth	Core No.	Run No.	Rec.	Quality of Core	Type of Analysis	Lithology
2893m	25	1	25mm	Good		<u>SHALE</u> : Firm, olive black, non-calcareous.
2895m	24	1	25mm	Good		<u>SHALE</u> : As 2893m.
2897m	23	1	30mm	Good		<u>SHALE</u> : Firm, olive grey, waxy, micaceous, non-calcareous.
2907m	22	1	35mm	Good		<u>SHALE</u> : Firm, olive black to olive grey, non-calcareous.
2909m	21	1	40mm	Good		<u>SHALE</u> : Earthy to firm, olive black to olive grey, non-calcareous.
2922m	19	1	15mm	Good	M	<u>SHALE</u> : As 2909m.
3405m	18	1	10mm	Fair		<u>CHALK</u> : Firm, platy, light grey.
3570m	17	1	5mm	Poor		<u>CHALK</u> : As 3405m.
3589m	16	1	20mm	Fair		<u>CHALK</u> : Firm, brittle, white.
3610m	14	1	30mm	Good		<u>CHALK</u> : Firm, yellowish grey, micaceous.
3677m	13	1	25mm	Good	M	<u>SHALE</u> : Fairly firm, dark grey to black, non-calcareous.
3680m	12	1	10mm	Fair		<u>LIMESTONE</u> : Friable, light olive grey to yellowish brown, ?sideritic.
3681m	11	1	15mm	Fair		<u>SHALE</u> : Very hard, massive, olive black, very calcareous.

Depth	Core No.	Run No.	Rec.	Quality of Core	Type of Analysis	Lithology
3695m	10	1	30mm	Good	M	<u>SHALE</u> : Firm, waxy, medium dark grey, slightly calcareous.
3728m	9	1	30mm	Good		<u>CHALK</u> : Firm to soft, light yellowish grey.
3785m	8	1	35mm	Excell.		<u>CHALK</u> : As 3728m.
3790m	7	1	15mm	Fair		<u>CHALK</u> : As 3728m.
3791m	6	1	25mm	Good	M	<u>SHALE</u> : Brittle, waxy, dark grey, highly calcareous.
3805m	5	1	30mm	Good		<u>LIMESTONE</u> : Firm to soft, light yellowish grey.
3813m	4	1	25mm	Good		<u>LIMESTONE</u> : As 3805m, olive grey.
3820m	3	1	35mm	Excell.	M	<u>SHALE/LIMESTONE</u> : Soft to firm, medium grey, highly calcareous.
3825m	2	1	35mm	Excell.		<u>LIMESTONE</u> : Firm to brittle, light yellowish grey, with <u>SHALE</u> : Firm, dark grey, highly calcareous.
3830m	1	1	25mm	Good	M, P	<u>SHALE</u> : Firm, brittle, medium grey, non-calcareous.
4280.5m	13	2	15mm	Good	P	<u>SHALE</u> : Very hard, olive black to brownish black, slightly micaceous, slightly carbonaceous, non-calcareous.

Key

M = Micropalaeontology
P = Palynology.

SUBSYSTEMS	STAGES		BIO-STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS	
	Traditional English usage	AS USED IN THIS REPORT	REGIONAL	VIKING GRABEN
LOWER CRETACEOUS	BERRIASIAN			
UPPER JURASSIC	LATE PORT.	EARLY BERR.	n	n
	PORTLANDIAN		o	o
	KIMMERIDGIAN	UPPER MIDDLE		
		LOWER	2	2
	OXFORDIAN		q	q
			r	r
	CALLOVIAN		s	s
			t	t
	BATHONIAN		v	v
	AALENIAN		w	w
TOARCIAN		x	x	
MIDDLE JURASSIC	U.	DOMERIAN	1	1
	L.	CARIXIAN	2	2
LOWER JURASSIC	SINEMURIAN		y	y
	HETTANGIAN		z	z
			a	a
UPPER TRIASSIC	RHAETIAN		b	b

Drawing No. 3676

THE BIOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS OF THE JURASSIC AS ESTABLISHED
BY ROBERTSON RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

March 1978

LEGEND FOR STRATIGRAPHIC CHARTS

LITHOLOGY COLUMNS

Clay		Calcareous sediments	
Shale/claystone/mudstone		Dolomitic sediments	
Silty/sandy clay		Carbonaceous sediments	
Silty/sandy shale/claystone/mudstone		Anhydrite	
Silt/siltstone		Salt	
Sand/sandstone {	very fine to medium	Coal/lignite	
	coarse sand to granules	Undifferentiated volcanics	
	pebbles	Basement (undifferentiated)	
Argillaceous sandstone	Mudflakes		
Limestone	Ooliths		
Silty/sandy limestone	Concretions		
Argillaceous limestone	Sample gap		
Dolomite			
Silty/sandy dolomite			
Chalk			

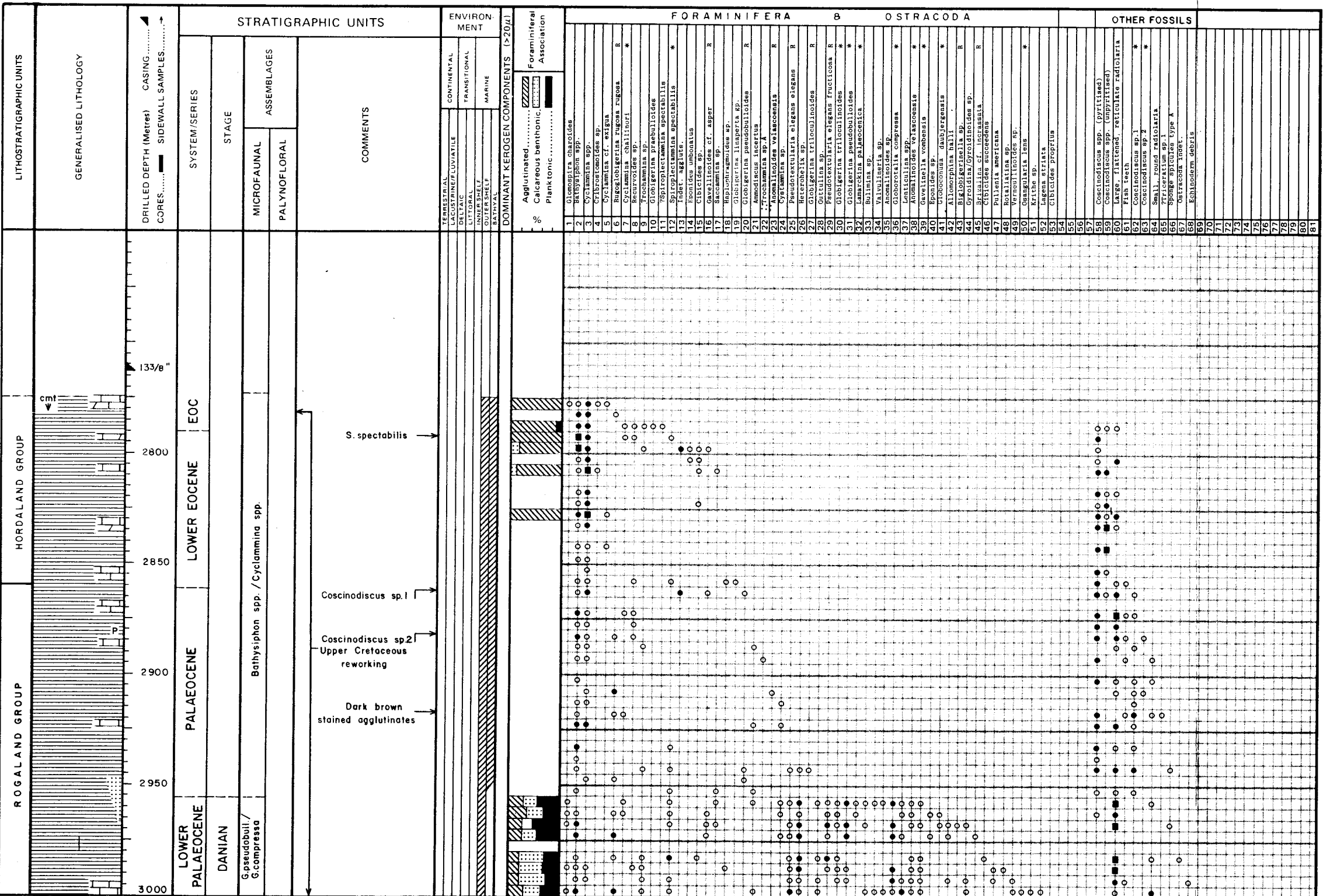
LITHOLOGICAL AND DRILLING ABBREVIATIONS

Red sedimentary rocks	red
Silica	Si
Chert	▼
Pyrite	P
Ironstone	Fe
Glauconite	G
Kaolinite	K
Siderite/sphaerosiderite	S
Shell fragments	~
Cement	cmt
Lost circulation material	lcm
Turbo drilling or diamond drilling	tu
(Samples unsuitable for good stratigraphic analysis)	

PALAEONTOLOGICAL SYMBOLS

Present	○	
Common	●	
Abundant	■	
Diagnostic forms	*	
Caved forms	C	
Reworked forms	R	
Dominant Kerogen Components {	Inertinite	I
	Vitrinite	V
	Exinite	E
	Amorphous sapropel	s
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Outgoing of	↘	

ENCLOSURE 1



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LOCATION :- NORWEGIAN NORTH SEA
CLIENT :- STATOIL

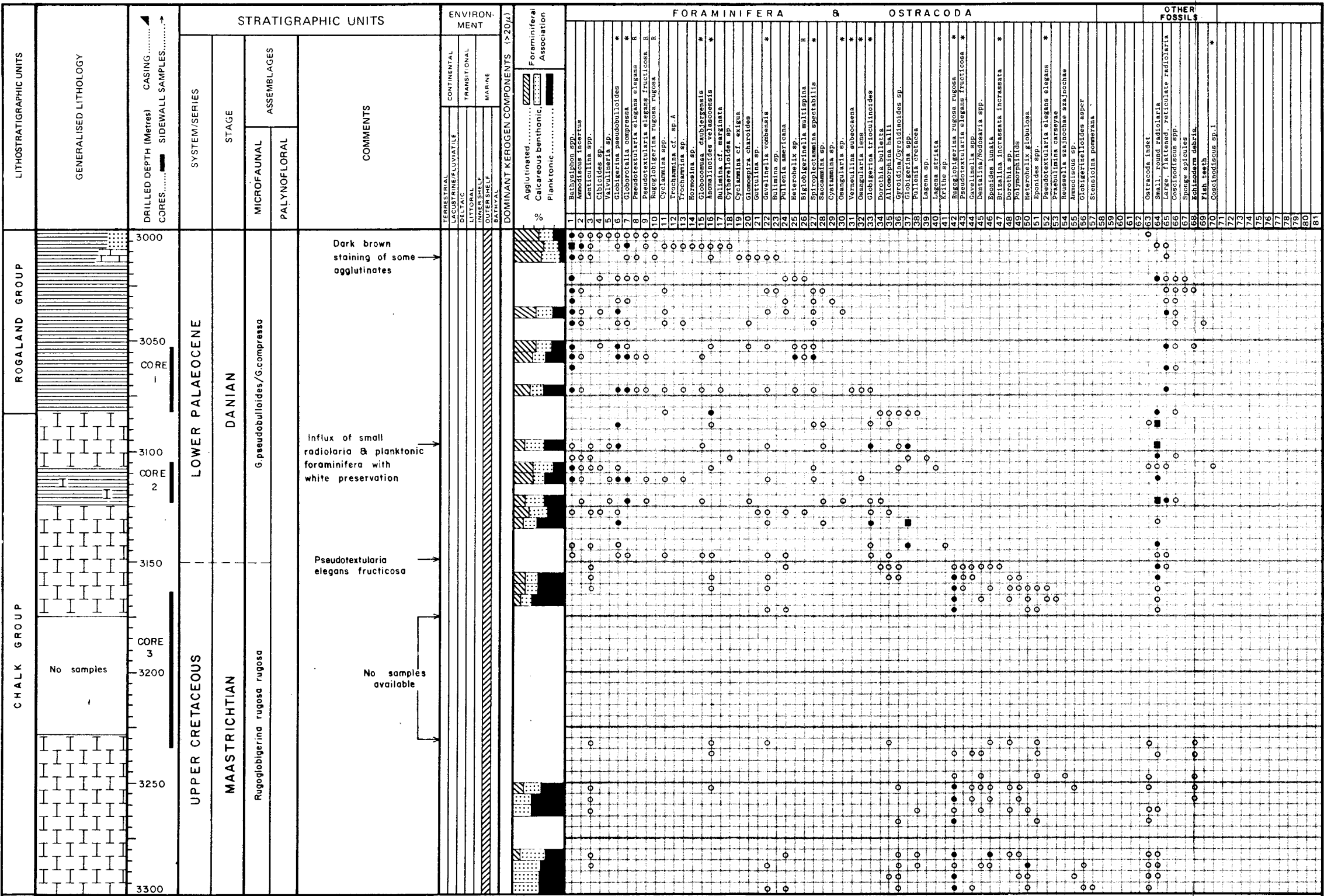
DEPTH :- 2778m-3000m
SHEET 1 OF 7
ANALYST :- DJH, JU.

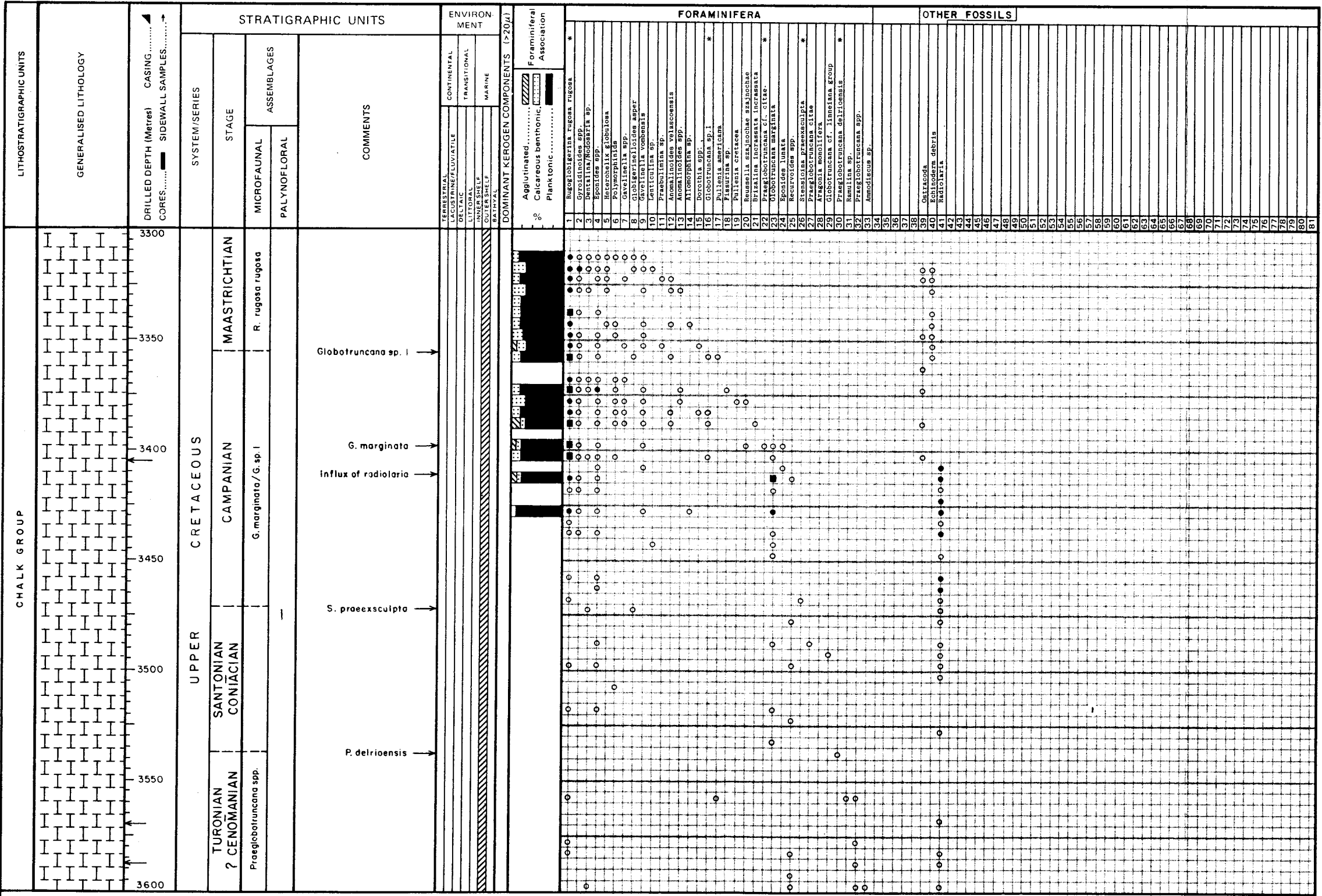
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ENCLOSURE 2

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BIOSTRATIGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS CHART





LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

GENERALISED LITHOLOGY

DRILLED DEPTH (Metres) CASING.....
 CORES..... SIDEWALL SAMPLES.....

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

SYSTEM/SERIES

STAGE

ASSEMBLAGES

MICROFAUNAL

PALYNOFLORAL

COMMENTS

ENVIRONMENT

CONTINENTAL

TRANSITIONAL

MARINE

TERRESTRIAL

LACUSTRINE/FLUVIATILE

DELTAIC

LITTORAL

COASTAL

CONTINENTAL SHELF

BATHYAL

DOMINANT KERAGEN COMPONENTS (>20%)

Agglutinated.....

Calcareous benthonic.....

Planktonic.....

FORAMINIFERA

1. *Ruconobulimina rugosa rugosa*

2. *Coccolitoides* sp.

3. *Dentalina/Nodosaria* sp.

4. *Eponides* sp.

5. *Heteronelix globulosa*

6. *Polymorphinids*

7. *Gavelinella* sp.

8. *Globigerinelloides asper*

9. *Gavelinella vombensis*

10. *Lenticulina* sp.

11. *Præbulimina* sp.

12. *Anomalimoides velascoensis*

13. *Anomalimoides* sp.

14. *Allogomphina* sp.

15. *Dorothia* sp.

16. *Globotruncana* sp.1

17. *Pullenia americana*

18. *Fissurina* sp.

19. *Pullenia eretacea*

20. *Russelia szathochae szathochae*

21. *Brizalina incrassata incrassata*

22. *Præglobotruncana cf. citae*

23. *Globotruncana marginata*

24. *Eponides lunata*

25. *Recurvoides* spp.

26. *Stansioina præexsculpta*

27. *Præglobotruncana citae*

28. *Aragonia monolifera*

29. *Globotruncana cf. lineata* group

30. *Præglobotruncana delrioensis*

31. *Ramulina* sp.

32. *Præglobotruncana* spp.

33. *Ammotiscus* sp.

OTHER FOSSILS

39. *Ostracode*

40. *Echinocoele*

41. *Radiolaria*

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ROBERTSON RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL

WELL :- 1/9 - 3 (RE-ENTRY)

LOCATION :- NORWEGIAN NORTH SEA

CLIENT :- STATOIL

DEPTH :- 3300m - 3600m

SHEET 3 OF 7

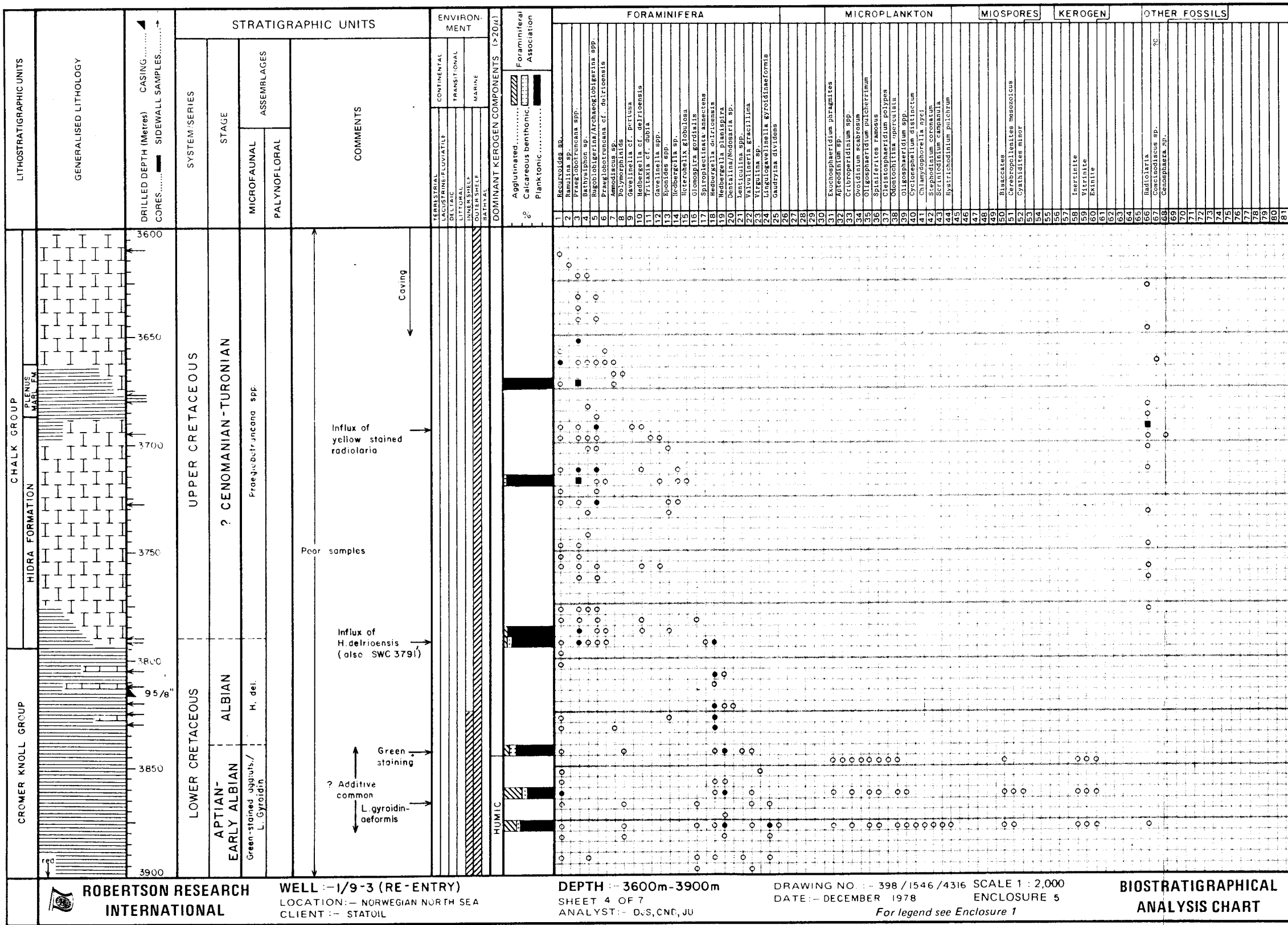
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BIOSTRATIGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS CHART



LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

GENERALISED LITHOLOGY

DRILLED DEPTH (Metres) CASING
 CORES SIDEWALL SAMPLES.....

STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

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DOMINANT KEROGEN COMPONENTS (>20%)

Agglutinated.....
 Calcareous benthonic.....
 Planktonic.....

Foraminiferal Association

FORAMINIFERA		MICROPLANKTON		MIOSPORES		KEROGEN		OTHER FOSSILS	
1	Recurvoides sp.								
2	Ramulina sp.								
3	Pragelobotruncana spp.								
4	Bathysiphon sp.								
5	Rugelobigerina/Archaeoglobigerina spp.								
6	Pragelobotruncana cf. delrioensis								
7	Amodiscus sp.								
8	Polymorphinids								
9	Gavelinella cf. prulosa								
10	Hedbergella cf. delrioensis								
11	Tritaxia cf. dubia								
12	Gavelinella spp.								
13	Rhomides spp.								
14	Hedbergella sp.								
15	Heterohelix globulosa								
16	Olmospira gordialis								
17	Spirallectinata annectens								
18	Hedbergella delrioensis								
19	Hedbergella planispira								
20	Dentalina/Nodosaria sp.								
21	Lenticulina spp.								
22	Valvulineria gracillima								
23	Virgulina sp.								
24	Lingulogavelinella gyroidineformis								
25	Gaudryina dividers								
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30	Exochospheridium phragmites								
31	Apeodinium sp.								
32	Cribroperidinium spp.								
33	Ovoidinium scabrosum								
34	Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum								
35	Spiriferites ramosus								
36	Cleistosphaeridium polypos								
37	Odonotocithina operculata								
38	Oligosphaeridium spp.								
39	Cyclonephalium distinctum								
40	Chlamydephorella nyei								
41	Stephanidium coronatum								
42	Striatodinium campanula								
43	Hystrichodinium pulchrum								
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50	Biscacates								
51	Cerebropollenites mesozolcus								
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66	Radiolaria								
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UPPER CRETACEOUS

LOWER CRETACEOUS

APTIAN-ALBIAN

EARLY ALBIAN

Green-stained agglut./ L. Gyroidin

H. del.

Pragelobotruncana spp.

Poor samples

Influx of yellow stained radiolaria

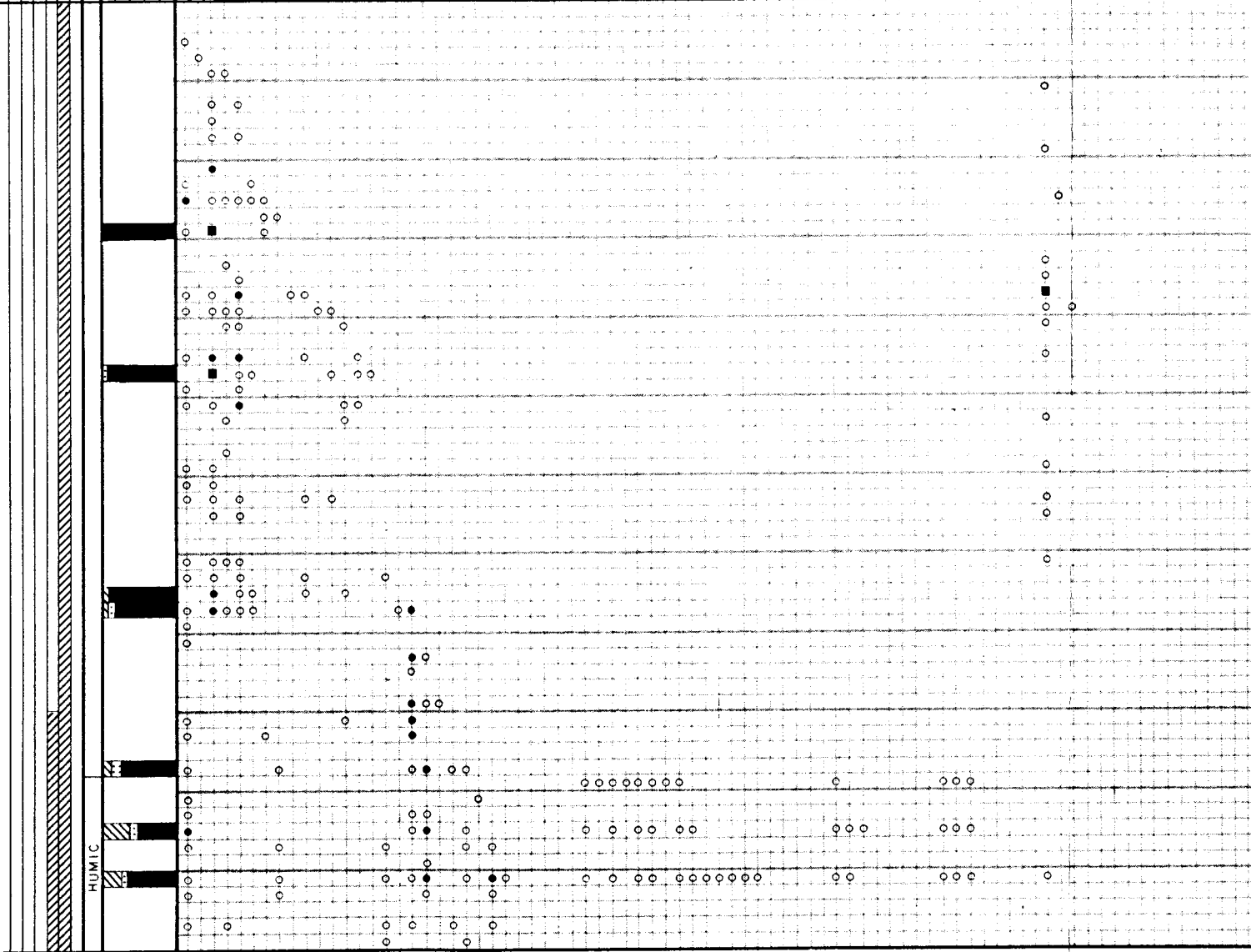
Influx of H. delrioensis (also SWC 3791)

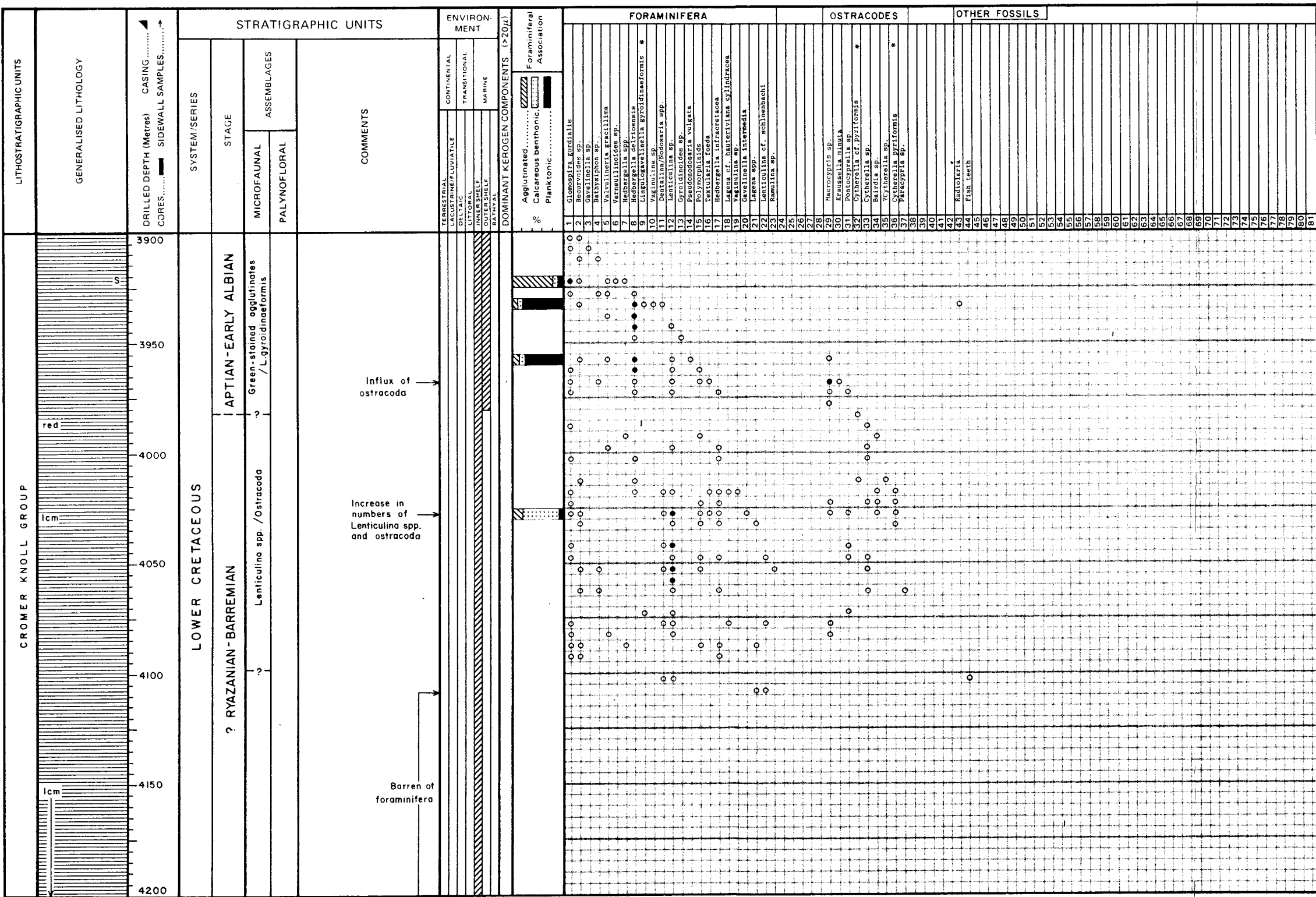
Green staining

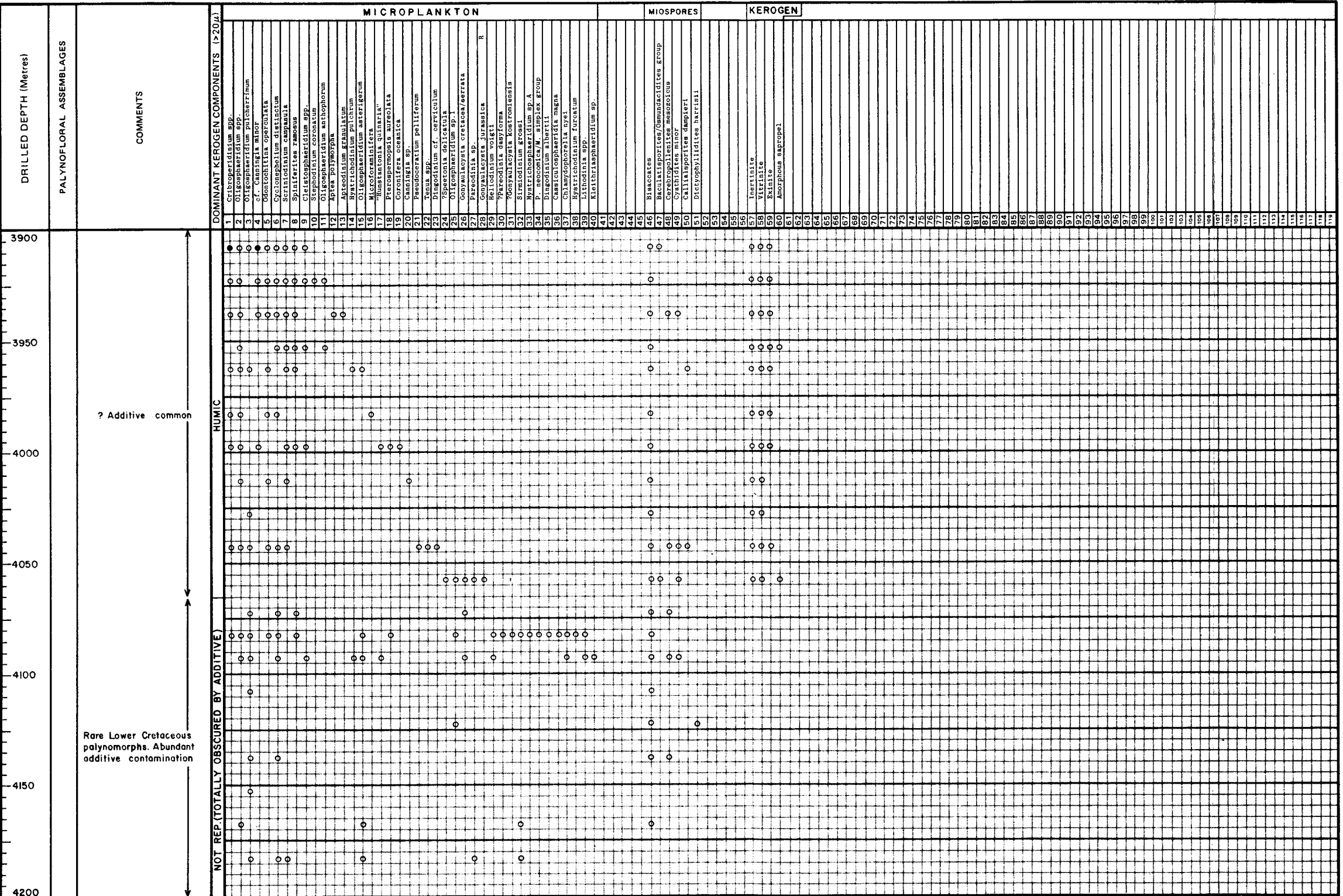
? Additive common

L. gyroidin-aeformis

Caving







DRILLED DEPTH (Metres)

PALYNOFLORAL ASSEMBLAGES

COMMENTS

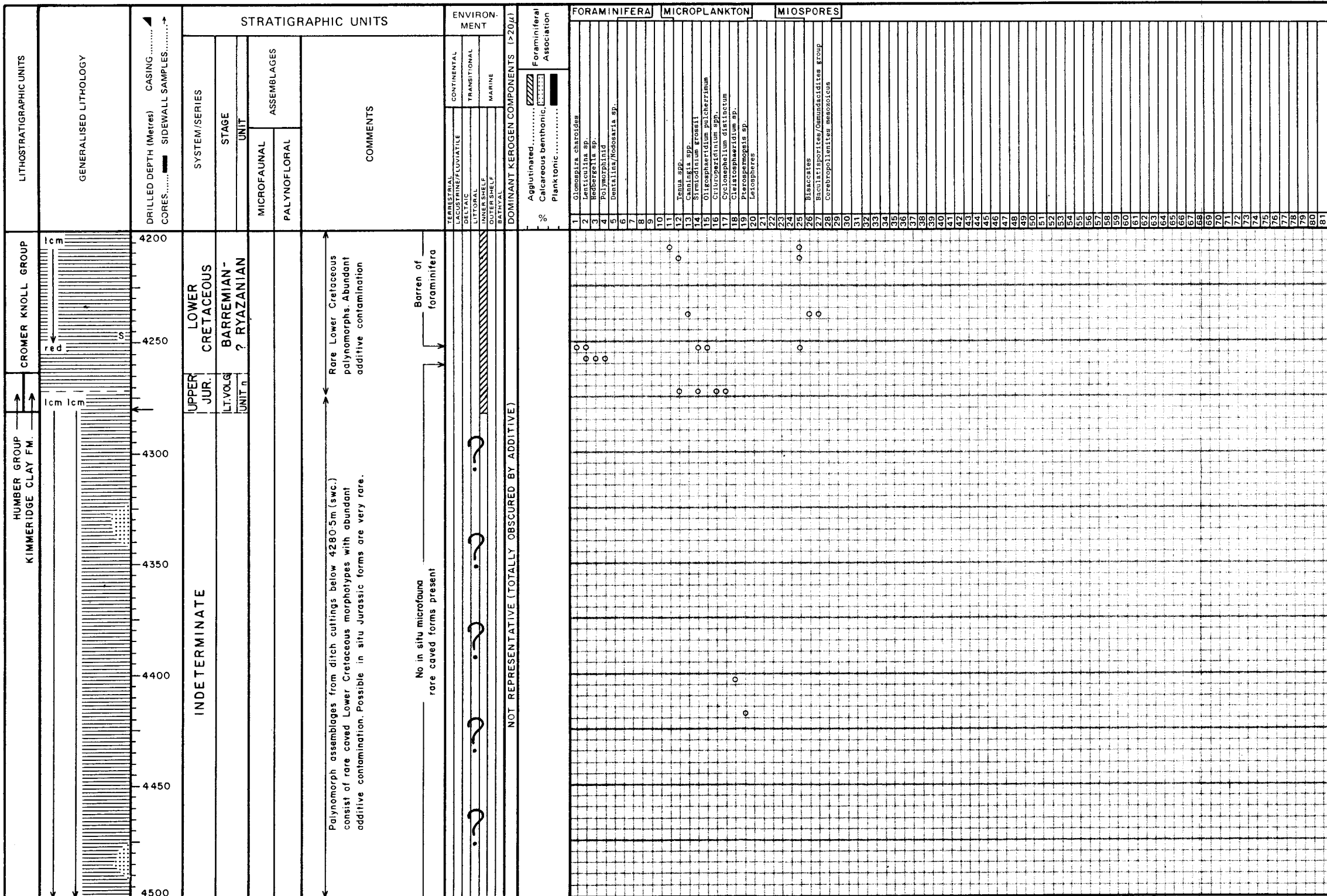
DOMINANT KEROGEN COMPONENTS (>20μ)

MICROPLANKTON

MIOSPORES

KEROGEN

Species	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150	4200
1. Cribroperidinium spp.							
2. Oligosphaeridium spp.							
3. Oligosphaeridium policherrimum							
4. cf. Camillea minor							
5. Odonoglossina operculata							
6. Cyclonebolum distictum							
7. Sphaeridium caudatum							
8. Spiniferites ramosus							
9. Cretosphaeridium spp.							
10. Cretosphaeridium coenocolum							
11. Oligosphaeridium antiphorum							
12. Apice polymorpha							
13. Aretosidium granulosum							
14. Heterosphaeridium parvum							
15. Oligosphaeridium asteriferum							
16. Heterosphaeridium							
17. Heterosphaeridium							
18. Pseudosphaeridium aureolata							
19. Coronilla sp.							
20. Coronilla oceanica							
21. Pseudosphaeridium pelliciferum							
22. Pseudosphaeridium							
23. Pseudosphaeridium							
24. Pseudosphaeridium							
25. Oligosphaeridium sp.1							
26. Convallucyssa cretacea/verruca							
27. Pseudosphaeridium							
28. Heterosphaeridium jurassica							
29. Heterosphaeridium							
30. Pseudosphaeridium							
31. Pseudosphaeridium							
32. Streptocodium grossi							
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36. Cassiniosphaeridia magna							
37. Chlamydomorpha							
38. Heterosphaeridium furcatum							
39. Lithodina spp.							
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48. Cerebropollenites mesozoica							
49. Cerebropollenites minor							
50. Callialiporites dampieri							
51. Dictyosphaeridium barrisi							
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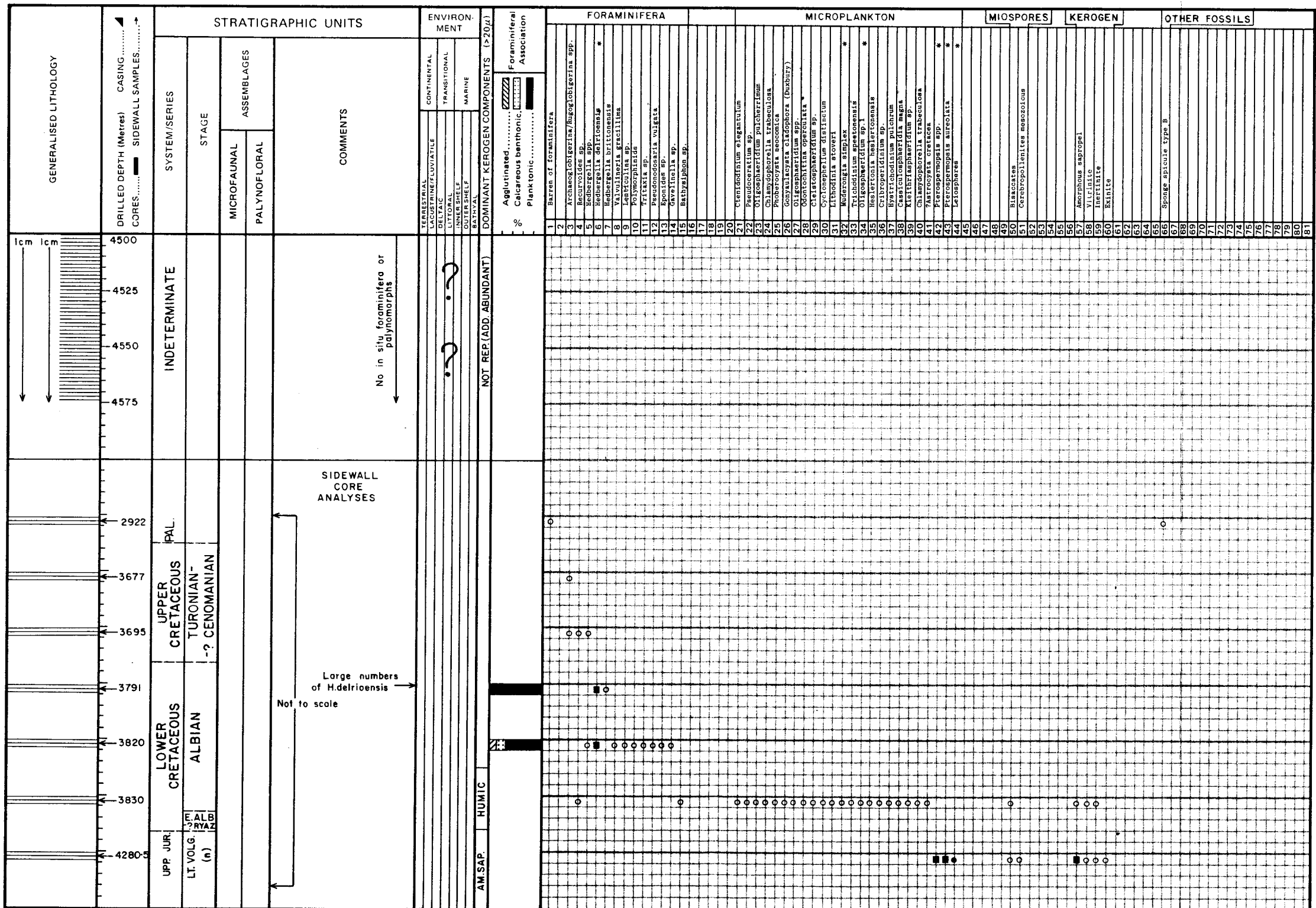
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LOCATION :- NORWEGIAN NORTH SEA
CLIENT :- STATOIL

DEPTH :- 4200m-4500m
SHEET 6 OF 7
ANALYST :- DJS,CND,JU

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**BIOSTRATIGRAPHICAL
ANALYSIS CHART**



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WELL :- 1/9-3 (RE-ENTRY)
 LOCATION :- NORWEGIAN NORTH SEA
 CLIENT :- STATOIL

DEPTH :- 4500m - 4575m
 SHEET 7 OF 7 **SIDEWALL CORES**
 ANALYST :- JU, DJS, CND

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 ENCLOSURE 9

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SUMMARY LOG : 1/9-3 (RE-ENTRY)

AREA : NORWEGIAN NORTH SEA SPUD DATE PHASE II : 30. MAY, 1978
 COMPANY : STATOIL COMPLETION DATE PHASE II : 1. OCT, 1978
 INTERVAL STUDIED : 2778m-4570m T. D. 4570m

Dr. No. 398 / 1546 / 4316 SCALE 1:5000 Date: DEC. 1978

▬ Cored Interval ▲ Casing Shoe

SYSTEM	SUB-SYSTEM	STAGE / FORMATION	INTERVAL BOUNDARIES (approx.)	CASING AND CORING DETAILS	DEPTH METRES FEET	GENERALISED LITHOLOGY	ENVIRONMENT OF DEPOSITION					
							TERRESTRIAL	LACUSTRINE / FLUVIATILE	DELTAIC	LITTORAL	INNER SHELF	OUTER SHELF
EOCENE	LOWER EOCENE		2790m	▲ 13 3/8"	2800	[Lithology patterns]						
			2862m		2900							
PALAEOCENE	LOWER PALAEOCENE	DANIAN	2956.5m		3000	[Lithology patterns]						
			3150m	CORE 1 CORE 2 CORE 3	3100							
CRETACEOUS	UPPER CRETACEOUS	MAASTRICHTIAN	3150m		3200	[Lithology patterns]						
			3357m		3300							
		CAMPANIAN	3357m		3400	[Lithology patterns]						
			3471m		3500							
		SANTONIAN CONIACIAN	3537m		3600	[Lithology patterns]						
	LOWER CRETACEOUS	TURONIAN ?CENOMANIAN	3790m		3700	[Lithology patterns]						
			3841.5m	▲ 9 5/8"	3800	[Lithology patterns]						
		EARLY ALBIAN APTIAN	3978m		3900	[Lithology patterns]						
	? RYAZANIAN - BARREMIAN	4265m		4000	[Lithology patterns]							
		4280.75m		4100	[Lithology patterns]							
INDETERMINATE	JURASSIC U. JURASSIC LT. VOLGIAN		4265m		4200	[Lithology patterns]						
			4280.75m		4300	[Lithology patterns]						
			4300m		4400	[Lithology patterns]						
			4570m		4500	[Lithology patterns]						