

An assessment of trace element geochemistry of paleo-surface gravels, lateritic regolith and rock outcrops for Orogenic Gold Formation Processes in Guyana

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Introduction

Background of project

- ▶ The search for large scale Orogenic Gold Deposits, over the past century, has seen decreasing rates of discoveries, higher production costs and associated unmitigated metallurgical and environmental issues.
- ▶ This creates a demand for the development of new exploration approaches that consider the complexity of mineralization events and their geochemical and geophysical proxies for exploration (Stromberg et al. 2018; McIntyre et al. 2010; Muhkergee and Large 2017).
- ▶ The discovery of every Large scale Orogenic Gold Deposit within the South American Continent has been preceded by active long term small and medium scale gold mining operations within the locality of their discoveries(e.g Omai, Troy, Aurora, Toraparu, Eagle Mountain)
- ▶ This project presents a novel exploration approach that utilizes **easily accessible sampling mediums** (paleo-surface gravels and pit basement sap rock etc) **within well established small and medium scale gold mining camps in Guyana.**
- ▶ The data derived from this and other similar projects within various mining camps/mining districts can give useful exploration insights into potential areas for follow up investigation where there are suspected geophysical and geochemical proxies of deep seated orogenic gold mineralization processes being present.

Introduction

Objectives of project

- ▶ To sample small and medium scale mining operations within the project area (gravel, Pit, Sluice, Tailings, Pan Concentrate)
- ▶ To conduct XRF analysis on samples to determine the distribution of select trace elements for Orogenic Gold Mineralization
- ▶ To scrutinize the spatial relationships of anomalous trace element samples with other data sets including regional geochemistry (INAA, BLEGG and Gold Count), gold grain morphological analysis for selected samples, regional geophysics(air borne magnetics), regional geology and structures
- ▶ To make recommendations on Next Steps

Introduction

Geographic Description of project area

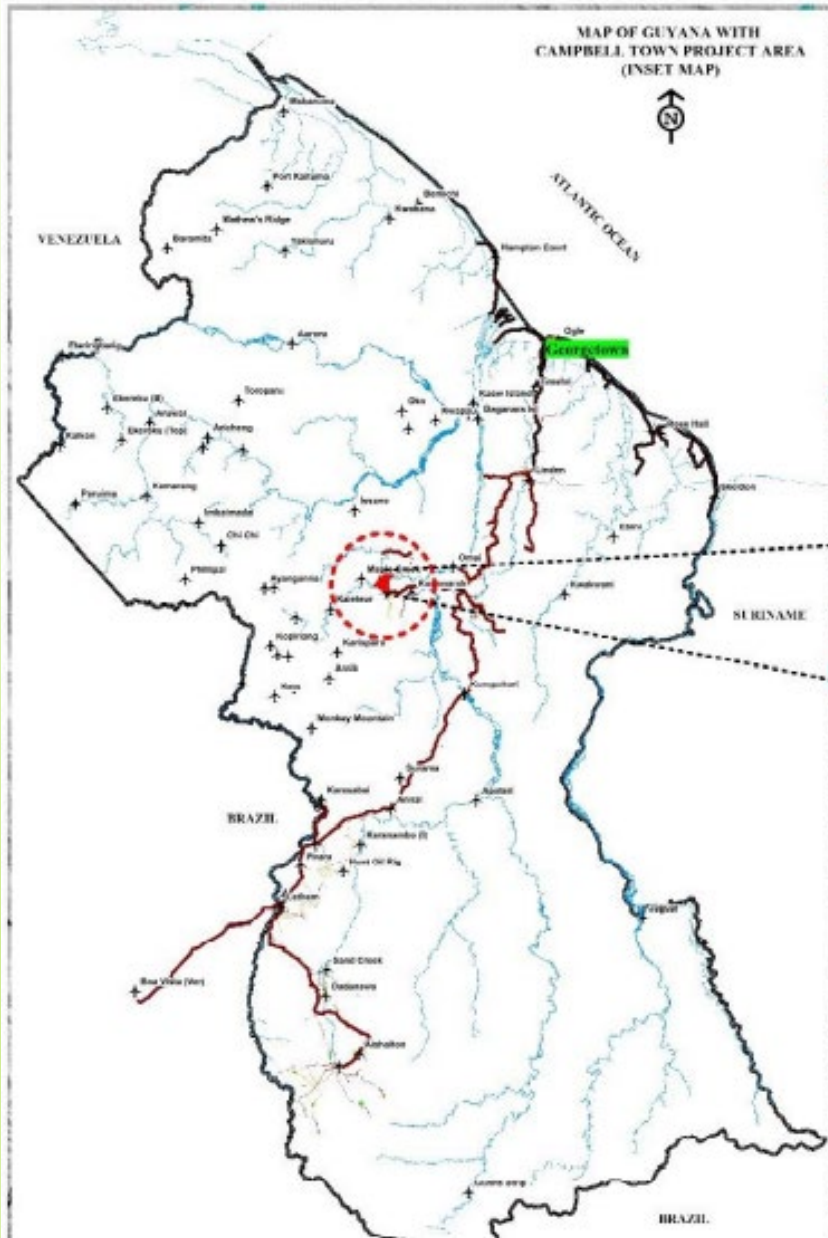
The project area is bounded by geographic coordinates

A (246 815mE, 557 967mN), B(250 822 mE,595 082 mN)

C (286 034 mE,595972mN) and D (282 675 mE,559 626 mN).

The project area encompasses localities that include Blackwater, Konowaruk, Salbora, Pamela, Campbeltown, Red Hole, St Elizabeth, Marabunta and Micobie)

Location and Access to Project Area



- ▶ The project area can be accessed via an aircraft departing from Ogle

International Airport en route to the Mahdia airstrip for approximately

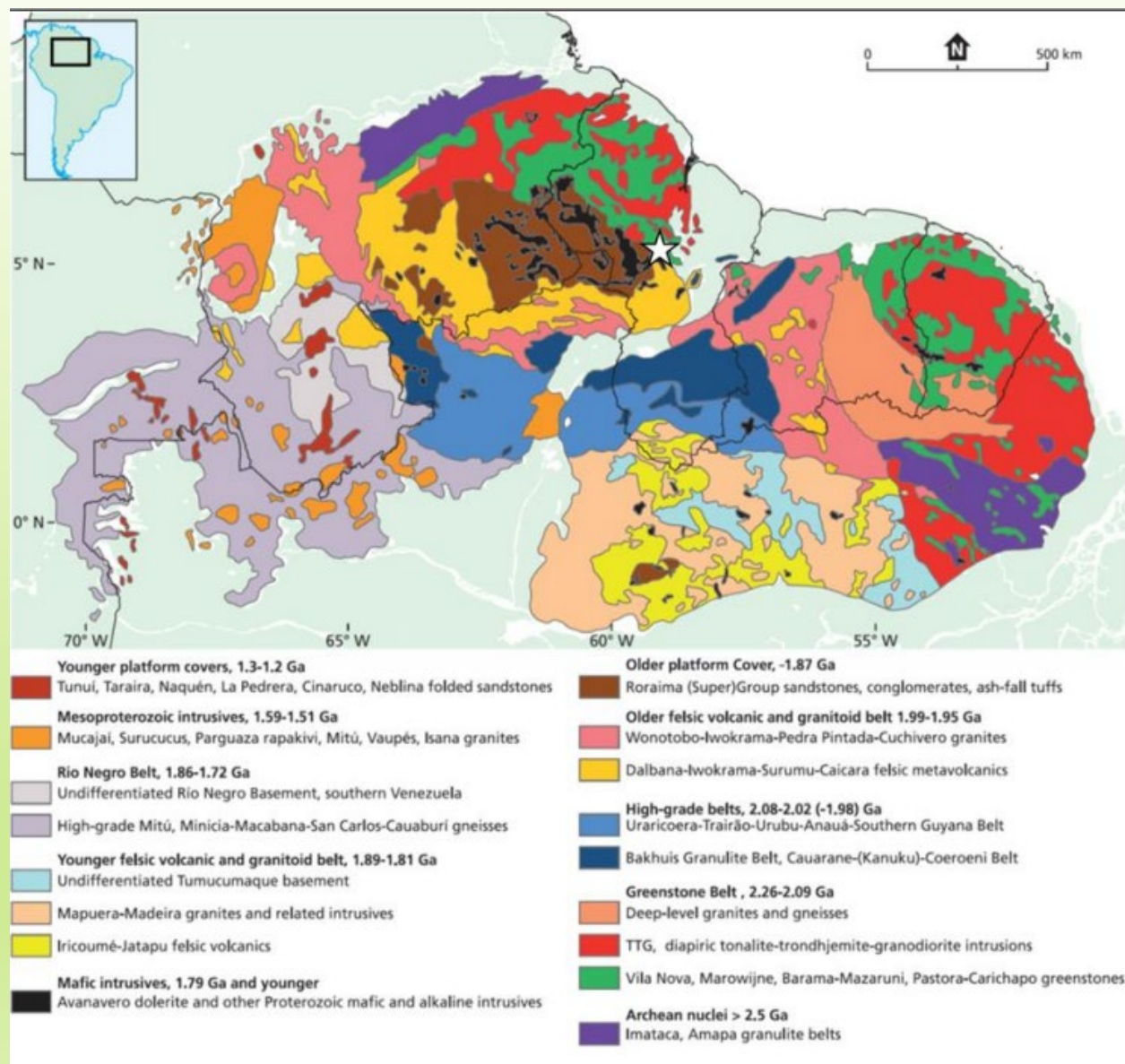
55 minutes. From the Mahdia Airstrips the various localities within the project area can be accessed by overland pickup or ATV ranging between

2 hours (Blackwater/Konowaruk), 1 hour (to Micobie) and 15 to 30 minutes

(Salbora, Pamela/Campbeltown/St Elizabeth, Marabunta, Red Hole).

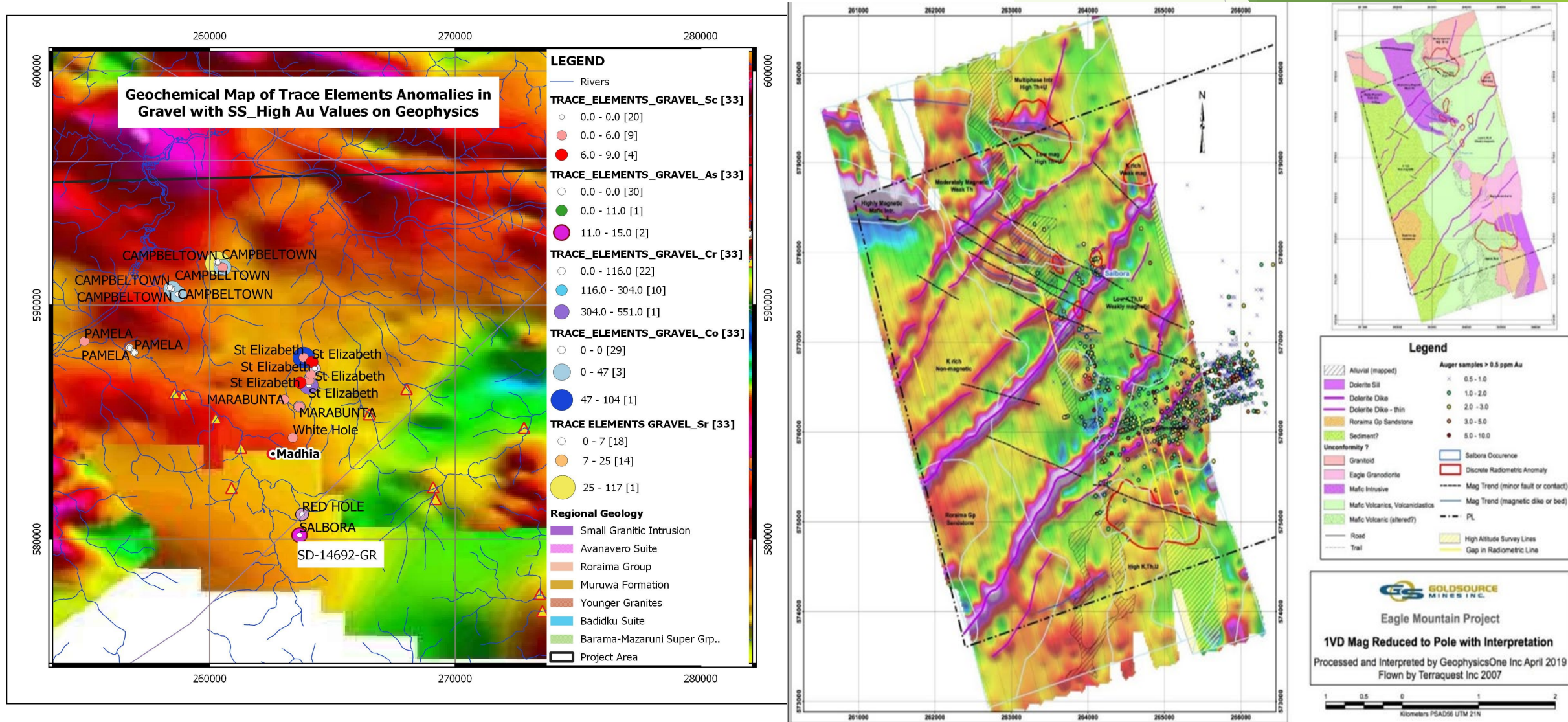
- ▶ The project area can also be accessed via an overland transportation (bus or land cruiser) by departing Georgetown for Linden and then unto Mahdia (approximately 200 km south). From Mahdia the various localities within the project area can be accessed.

Regional Geological Map of the Guiana Shield

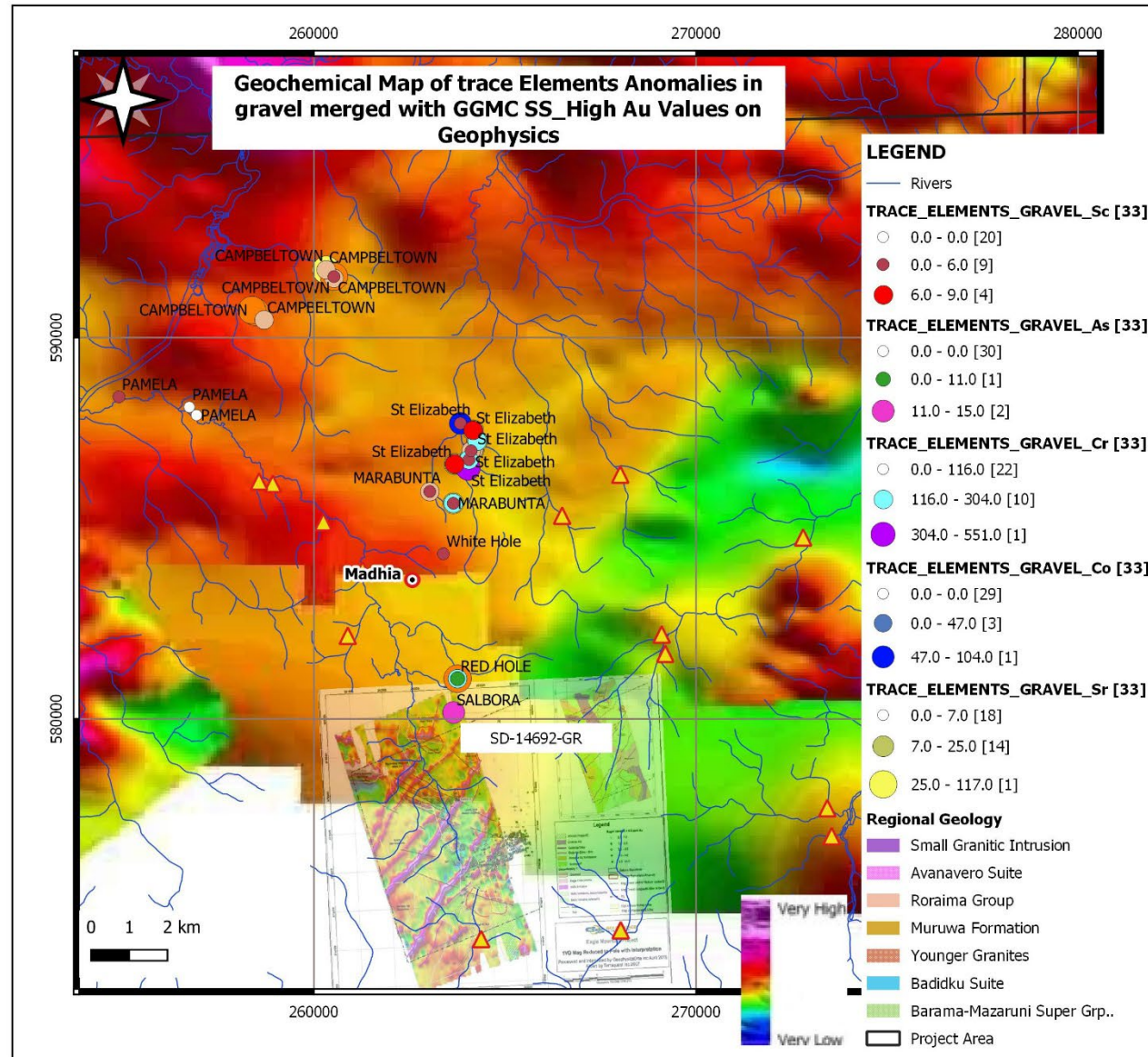


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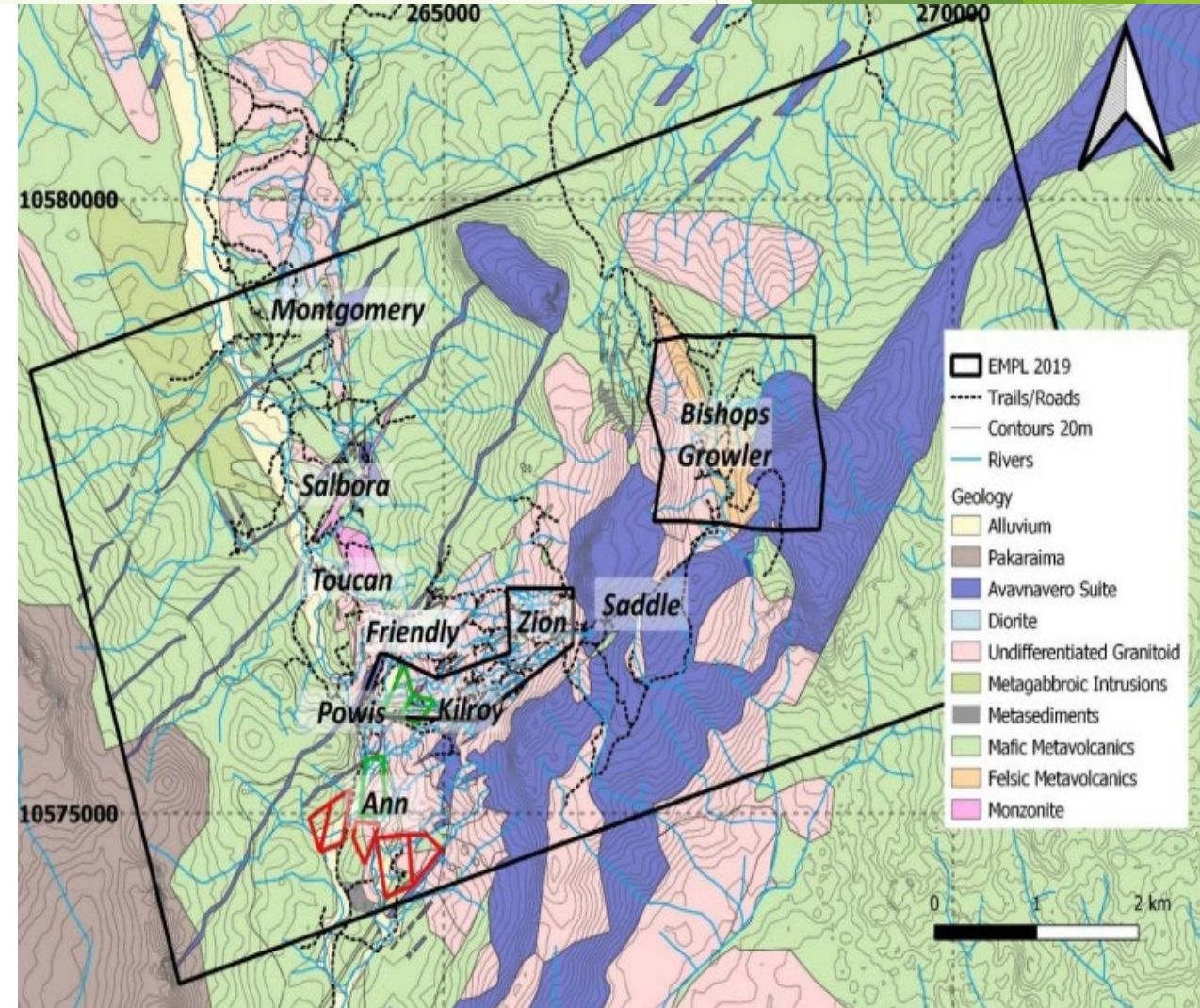
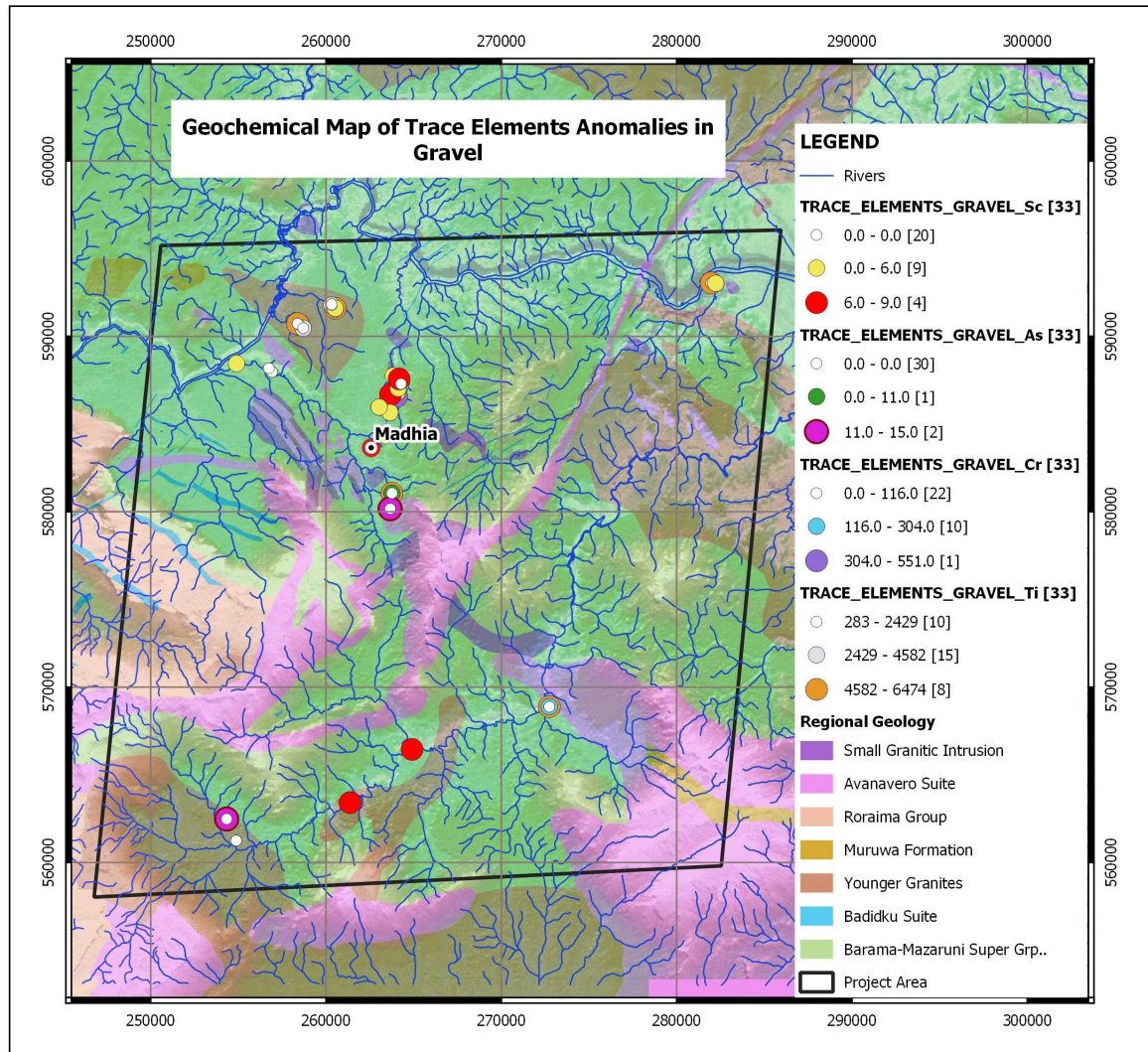
Regional Geophysics Map of the Project Area



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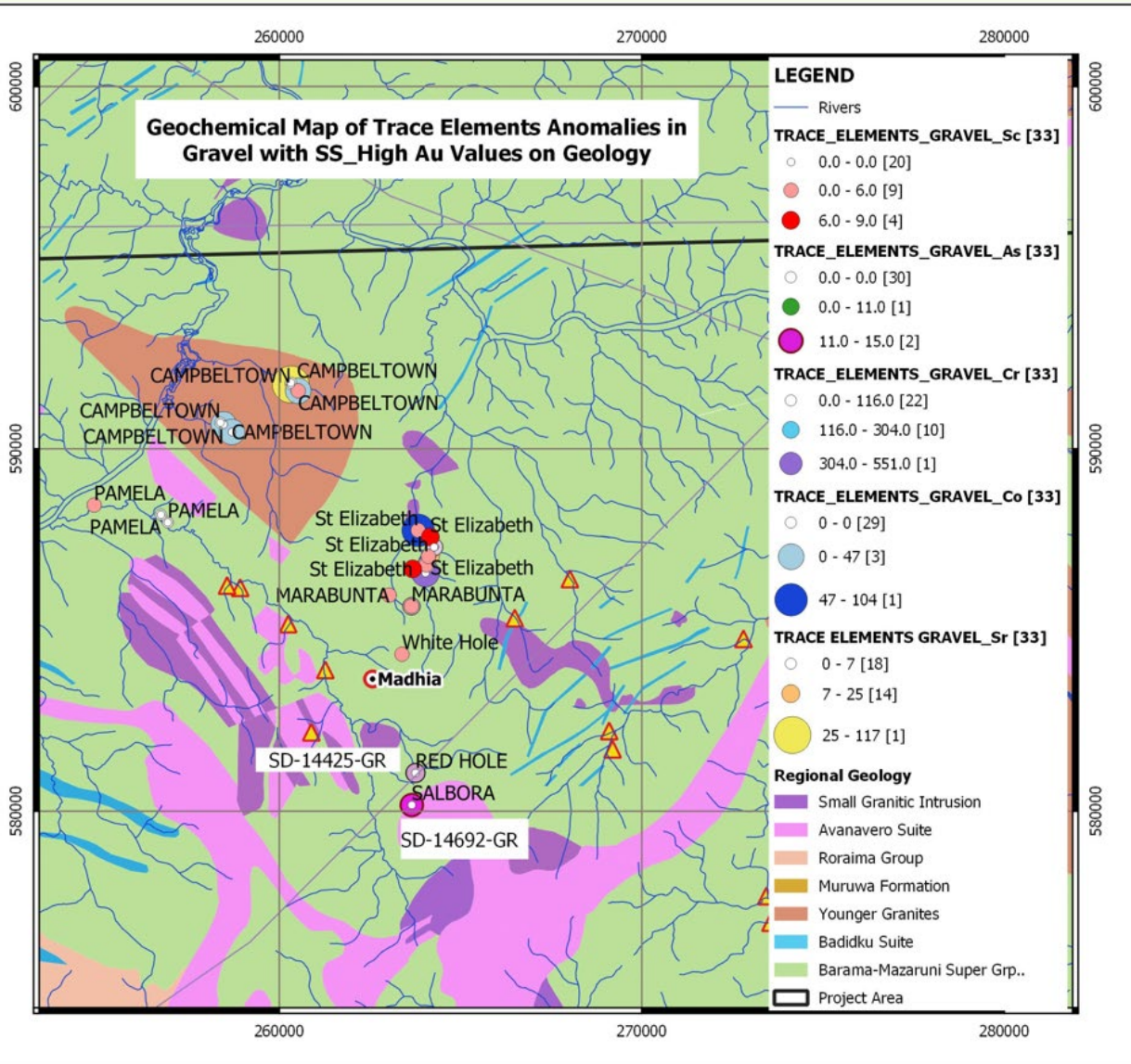


Regional Geological Map of the Project Area



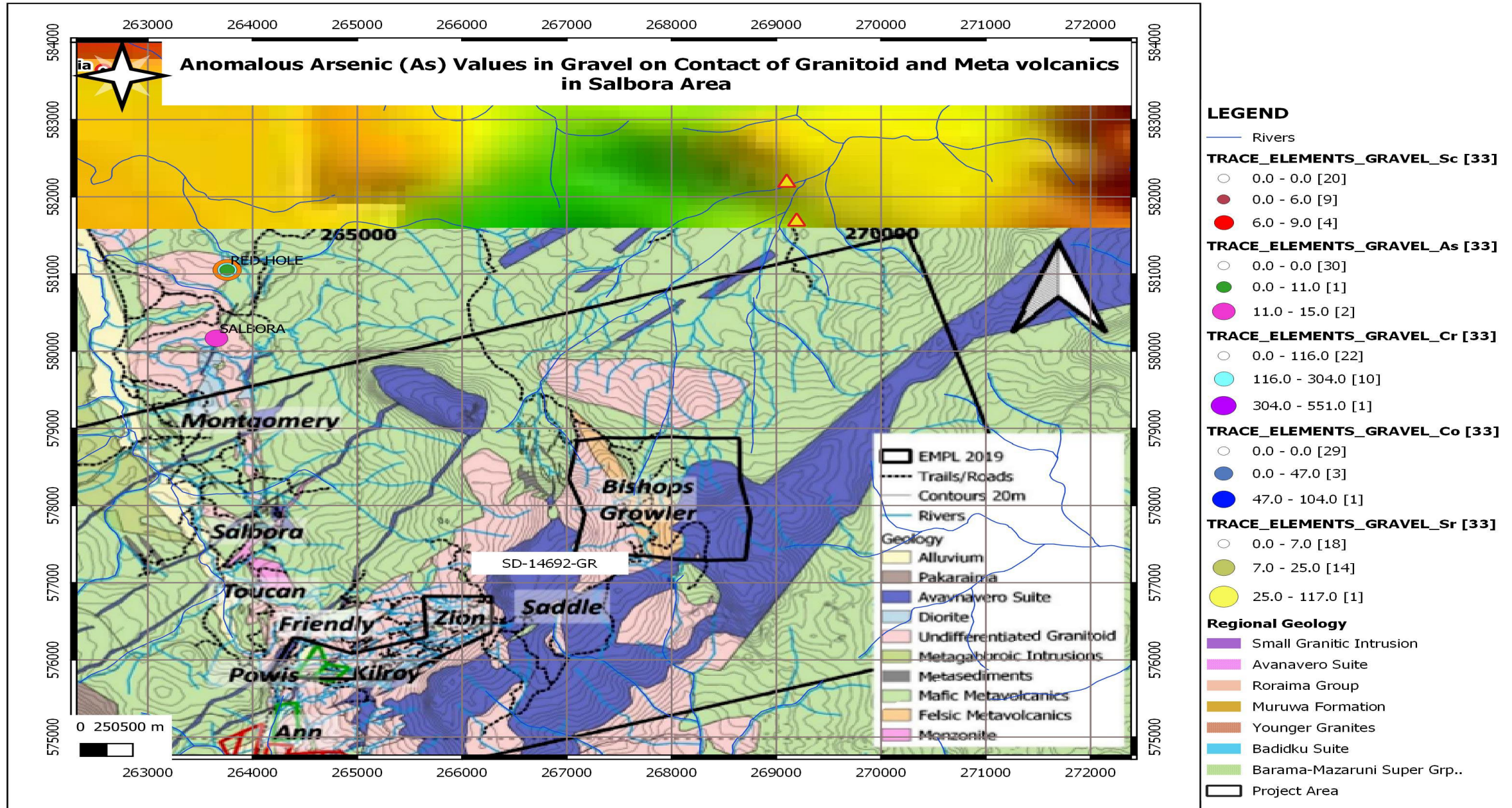
Regional Geology Map of Eagle Mountain
Source: Gold Source NI 43-101 2022

Description of Geology within the North Western Quadrant of the Project Area

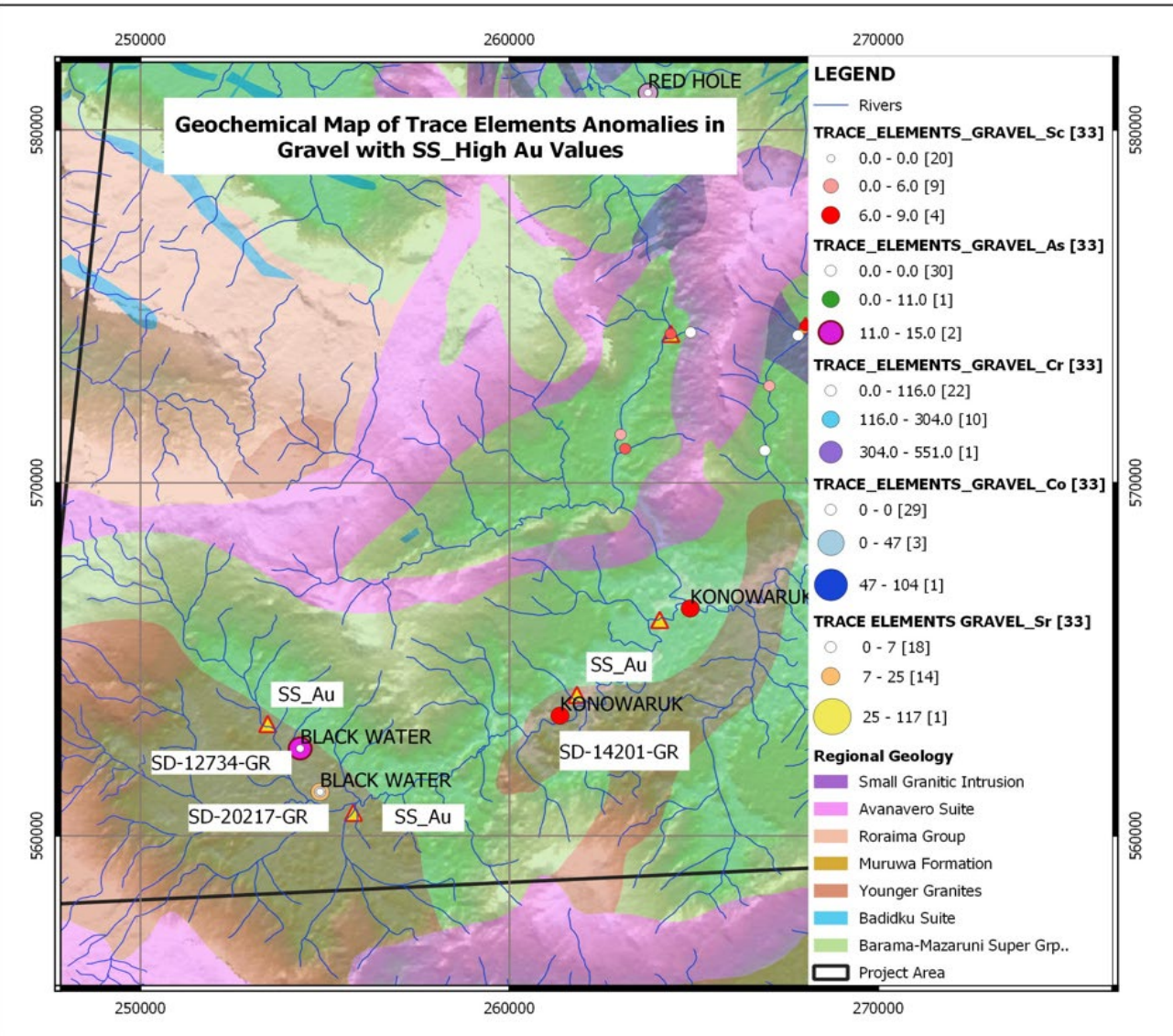


- ▶ The areas within the North Western Quadrant of the project area includes Campbeltown, Pamela, St Elizabeth, Marubunta, Red Hole, Salbora and part of the Eagle Mountain Gold Mine Concession:
- ▶ **Metavolcanics of the Grenstone Belt (Barama Mazaruni Supergroup):** composed of acid volcanics including Rhyodacites to mafic volcanics (meta Andesites) of the Barama Mazaruni Supergroup
- ▶ **Younger Granitic Intrusions:** intrudes the BMS
- ▶ **Avanavero Suite (Sills and Dykes) :** younger in age that intrudes the BMS and younger
- ▶ **Roraima Formation**

Local Geological Map of the Project Area

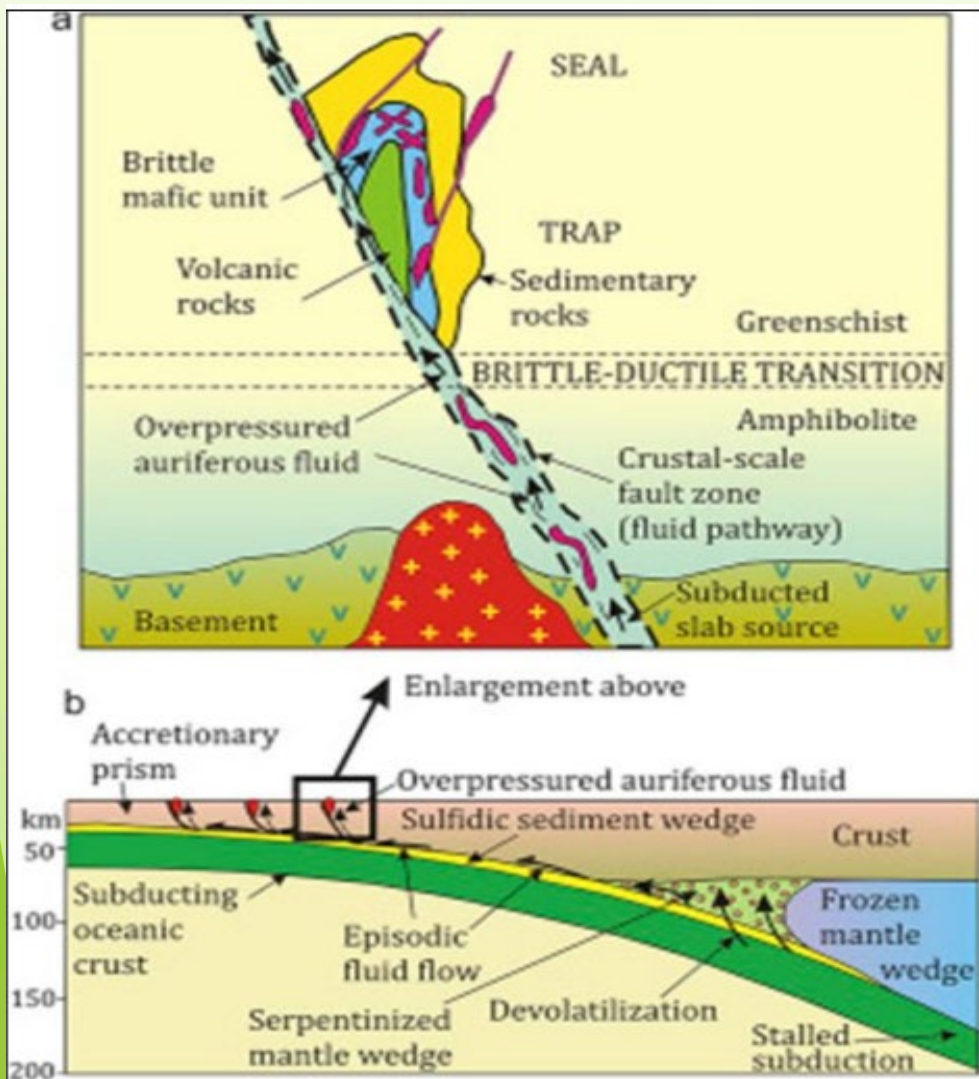


Description of Geology within the South West Quadrant of the Project Area



- ▶ The project area includes part of the Eagle Mountain Gold Mine Concession, Blakwater and Konowaruk.
- ▶ **Metavolcanics of the Grenstone Belt (Barama Mazaruni Supergroup):** composed of acid volcanics including Rhyodacites to mafic volcanics (meta Andesites) of the Barama Mazaruni Supergroup
- ▶ **Younger Granitic Intrusions:** intrudes the BMS
- ▶ **Avanero Suite (Sills and Dykes) :** younger in age that intrudes the BMS and younger
- ▶ **Roraima Formation**

Metallogeny of the Project Area (Eagle Mountain Orogenic Gold Deposit)



- ▶ Metallogeny is the study of the genesis and regional-to-global distribution of mineral deposits, with emphasis on their relationship in space and time to regional petrologic and tectonic features of the Earth's crust.
- ▶ Over pressure subducted slab derived fluids advects upwards through second order structures or hydraulically fractured rock bodies to form Orogenic Gold Deposits (Groves and Santosh, 2016)
- ▶ This Orogenic Gold Formation Model is posited for the Eagle Mountain and surrounding localities
- ▶ Trace elements of Orogenic Gold Deposits include Sb, As, Ag, S
- ▶ Correlation coefficient for Au and As show strong relationships with approximately 0.59 within the Salbora area (Pickett 2022)

Methodology

- ▶ Desktop research was conducted on project area(geophysics, geochemistry, structures etc) and Orogenic Gold Formation processes and trace elements
- ▶ Samples were taken of mining pits (Gravel, Pit, Tailings, Sluice and Pan Concentrate)
- ▶ XRF analysis was conducted for selected trace elements
- ▶ Trace elements analyzed included
Mo,Zr,Sr,U,Rb,Th,Pb,Au,Se,As,Hg,Zn,W,Cu,Ni,Co,Fe,Mn,Cr,V,Ti,Sc
- ▶ Correlation coefficient for Au and As show good strength with approximately 0.59 within the Salbora area (Pickett 2022)
- ▶ Schematic maps prepared for As,Sc,Co,Zr,Sr distribution within paleo-surfcae gravels

Site Description

SD# 9292

Project: Mahdia (Region 8)

Prospect: New Jack

Name: SD#9292

Depth: 10ft

Pan Concentrate

No. Pans - 3

Au Fine No. of grains - 3

H Minerals -2%

Date: 26th. 02. 2021

GPS Coordinates: 264 166mE, 581 660mN

Comments

- 6 inch dredge
- Reworking tailings
- 3 ounce on a 7 day wash down
- Pit -clay (white), laminated sheet, fine grains with bolder and cobble (red orange), lateritic material
- Tailings- gravel, lateritic material, sand (red)



Pit

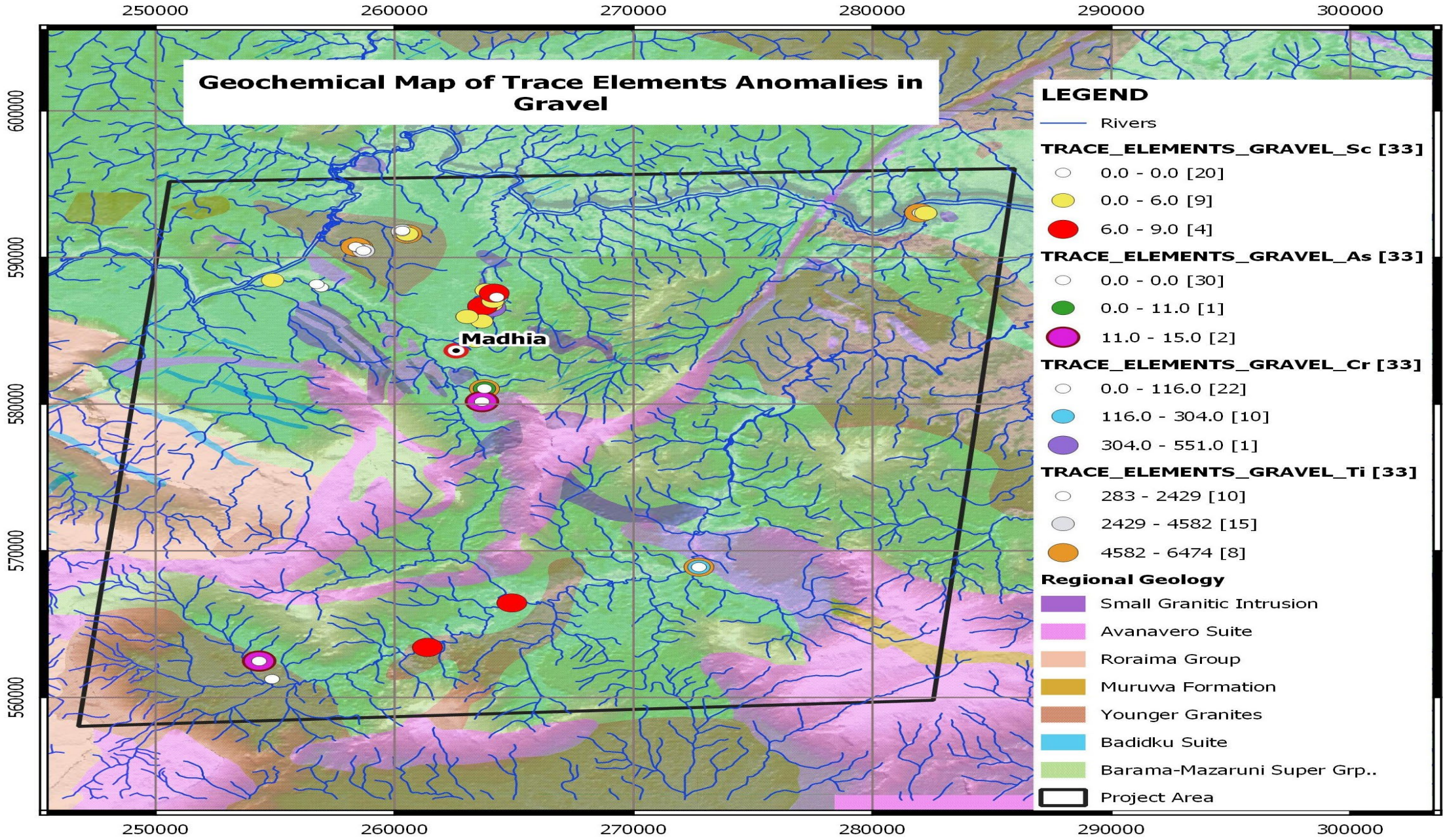


Results

Trace element geochemistry within the paleo-surface gravels

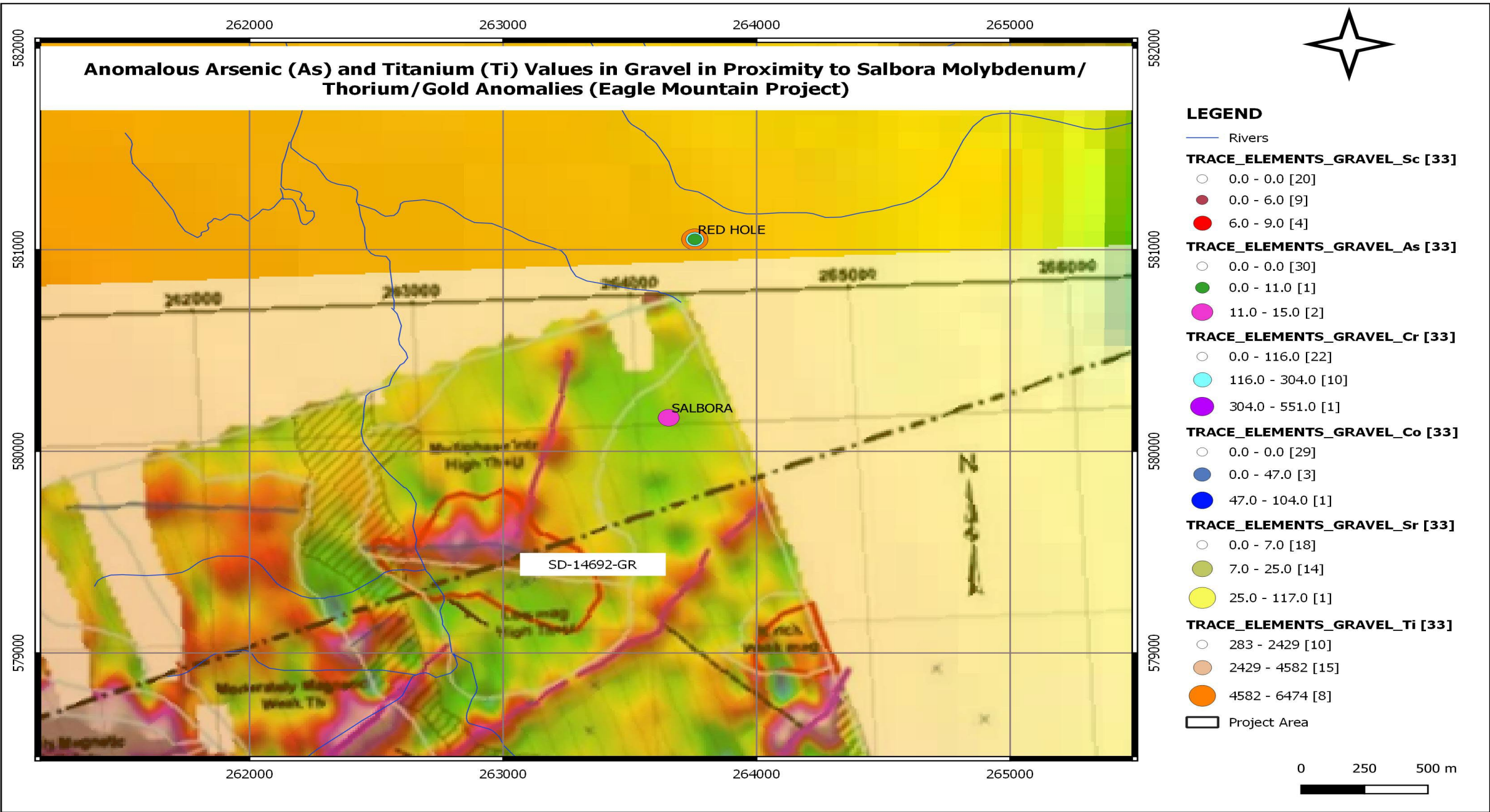
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SD-12734-GR	254325	562471		BLACK WATER	YES	119	113	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	27	0	0	107051	0	112	415	5475	0
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Geochemical Map of Trace Elements Anomalies in Gravel



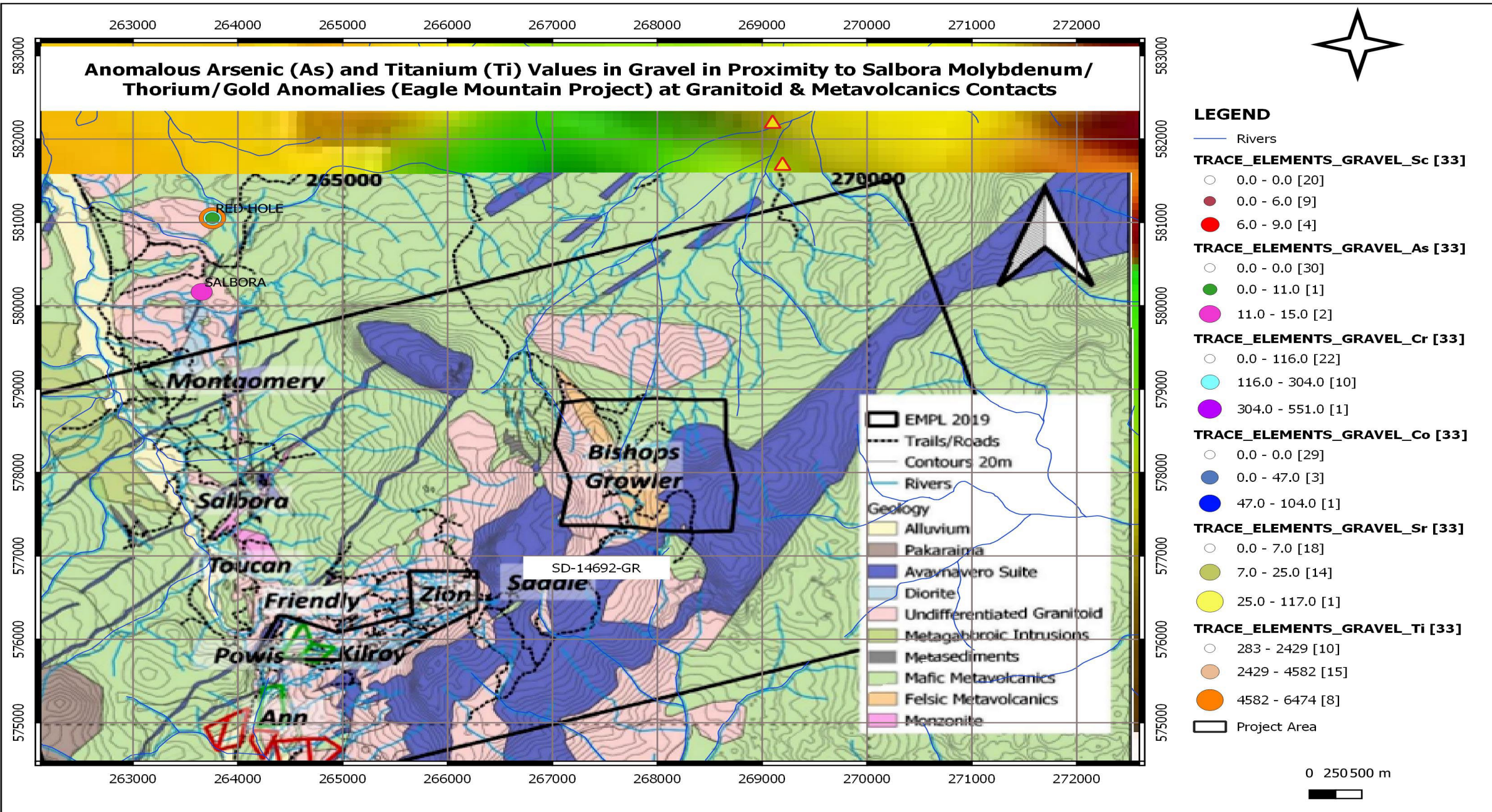


Anomalous Arsenic (As) and Titanium (Ti) Values in Gravel in Proximity to Salbora Molybdenum/Thorium/Gold Anomalies (Eagle Mountain Project)





Anomalous Arsenic (As) and Titanium (Ti) Values in Gravel in Proximity to Salbora Molybdenum/Thorium/Gold Anomalies (Eagle Mountain Project) at Granitoid & Metavolcanics Contacts



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Trails/Roads

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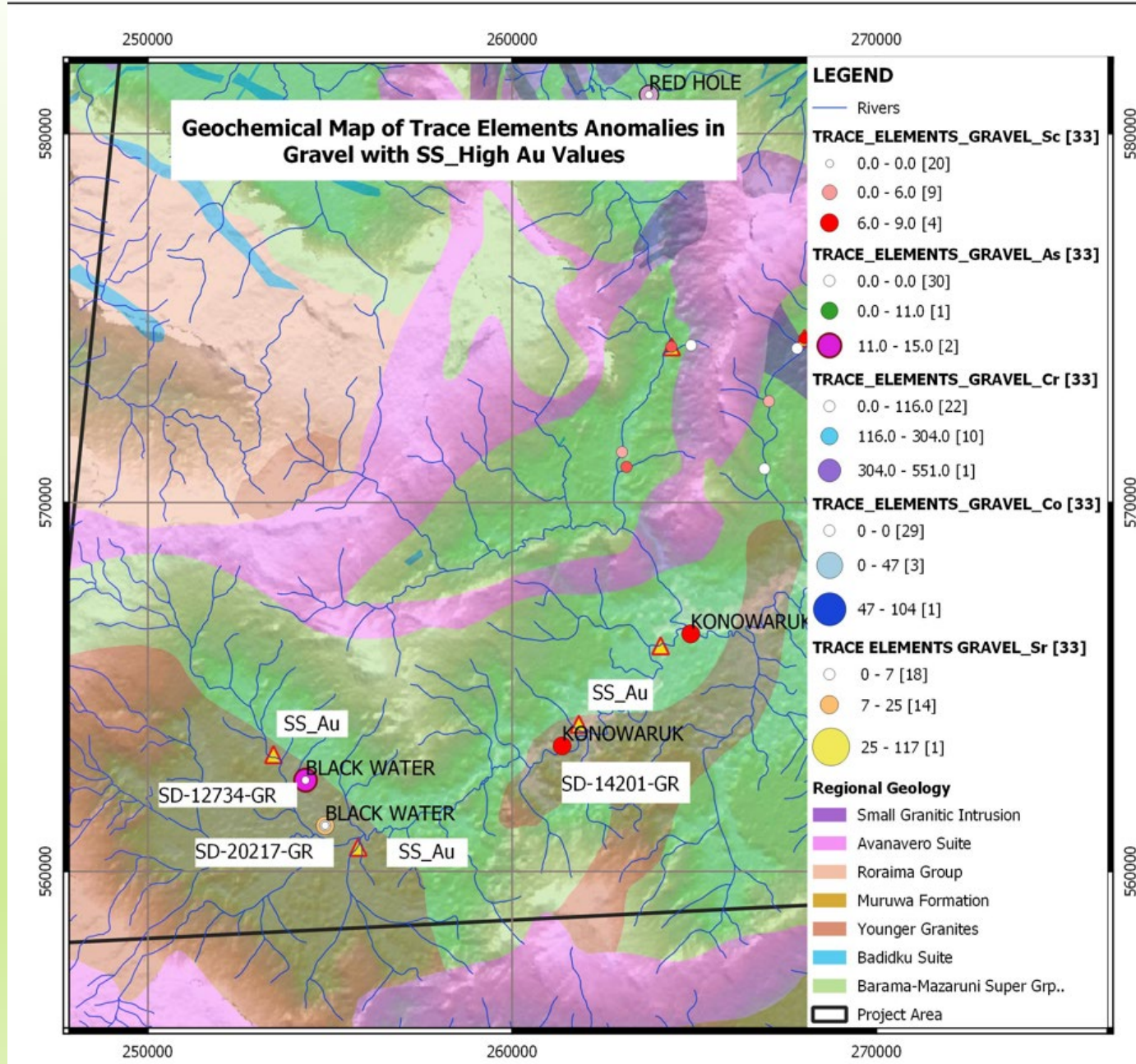
Rivers

Geology

- Alluvium
- Pakaraima
- Avaynavero Suite
- Diorite
- Undifferentiated Granitoid
- Metagabbroic Intrusions
- Metasediments
- Mafic Metavolcanics
- Felsic Metavolcanics
- Monzonite



Trace element distribution in paleo surface gravels

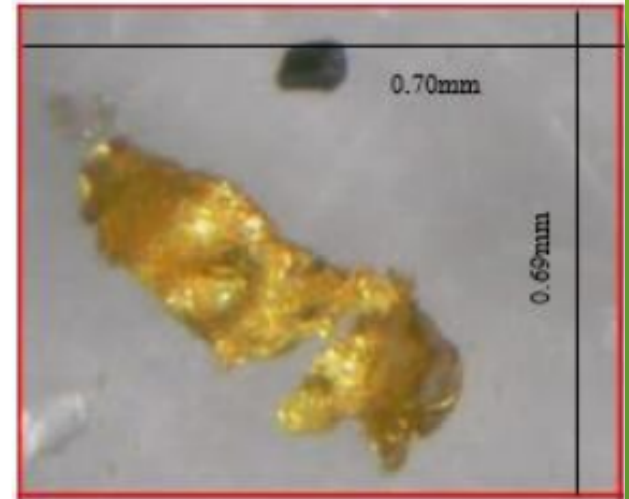


Trace element distribution within pan concentrates

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SD 1905 PC	256732	588178	CAMPBELTOWN	YES	0	4846	2	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	40	0	113	0	345	78797	1541	244	518	115105	0
SD 14580 PC	254890	588445	PAMELA	YES	0	4339	4	0	0	0	14	0	0	58	0	128	0	209	0	0	153990	2949	1036	1661	146895	26
SD 19878 PC	257518	587976	PAMELA	YES	0	1595	3	0	2	0	0	15	0	9	0	142	0	122	0	0	123874	2253	499	937	104436	0
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SD 20630 PC	258371	590463	CAMPBELTOWN	YES	0	94563	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	0	727	0	2067	0	0	115053	3229	3876	1594	167675	30
SD 12271 PC	260315	591776	CAMPBELTOWN	YES	0	18744	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	882	0	0	7989	1766	32	10	12571	3
P. DEFREITAS PC	258692	590463	CAMPBELTOWN	YES	0	147749	21	0	0	0	0	211	0	304	0	1654	303	2600	268	0	7324	1466	6800	267	39837	0

Gold Grain Morphology of Select Samples within Campbeltown : SD 12271

SD 12271	1	520	210	Very angular, irregularly shaped grain, with poorly preserved crystal outline. The grain was fairly smooth in surface texture. <i>See fig. 44 to the right.</i>
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	2	200	100	Sub-angular, elongated grain, with smooth surface texture. <i>See fig. 45 to the right.</i>
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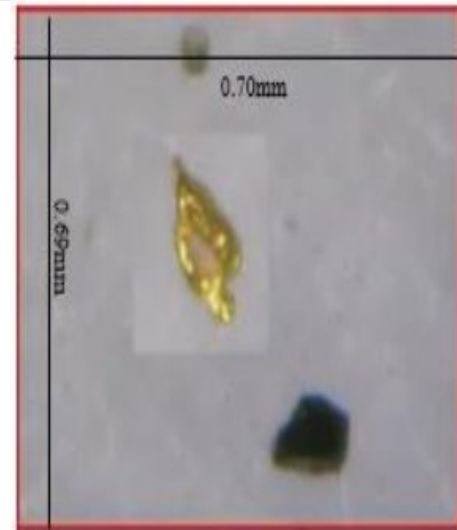
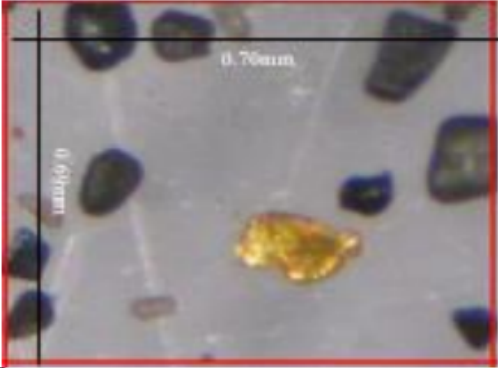
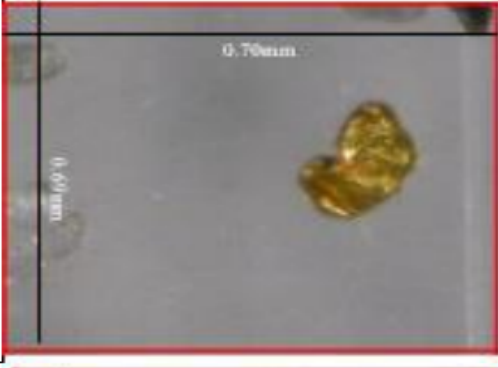
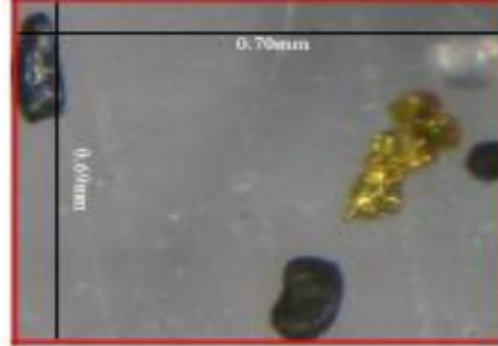


Fig. 45

Gold Grain Morphology of Select Samples within Campbelltown

15	180	100	Poorly rounded, irregularly shaped grain, with smooth surface texture. <i>See fig. 58 to the right.</i>		<i>Fig. 58</i>
16	200	160	Poorly rounded, irregularly shaped grain, with fairly smooth surface texture. <i>See fig. 59 to the right.</i>		<i>Fig. 59</i>
17	280	120	Sub-angular, irregularly shaped grain, with rough surface texture. <i>See fig. 60 to the right.</i>		<i>Fig. 60</i>

Gold Grain Morphology of Select Samples within Campbelltown

18	400	150	Sub-angular, elongated grain, with rough surface texture. <i>See fig. 61 to the right.</i>
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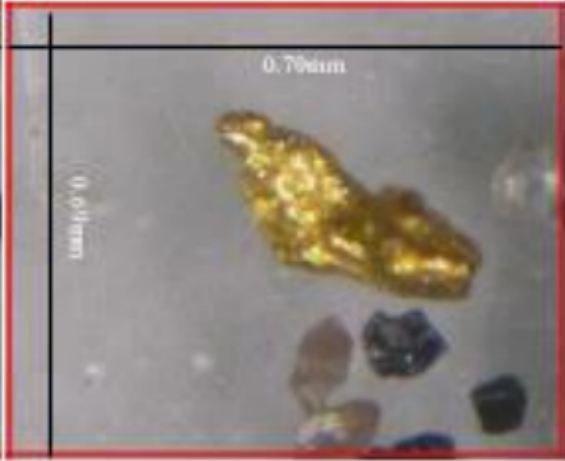
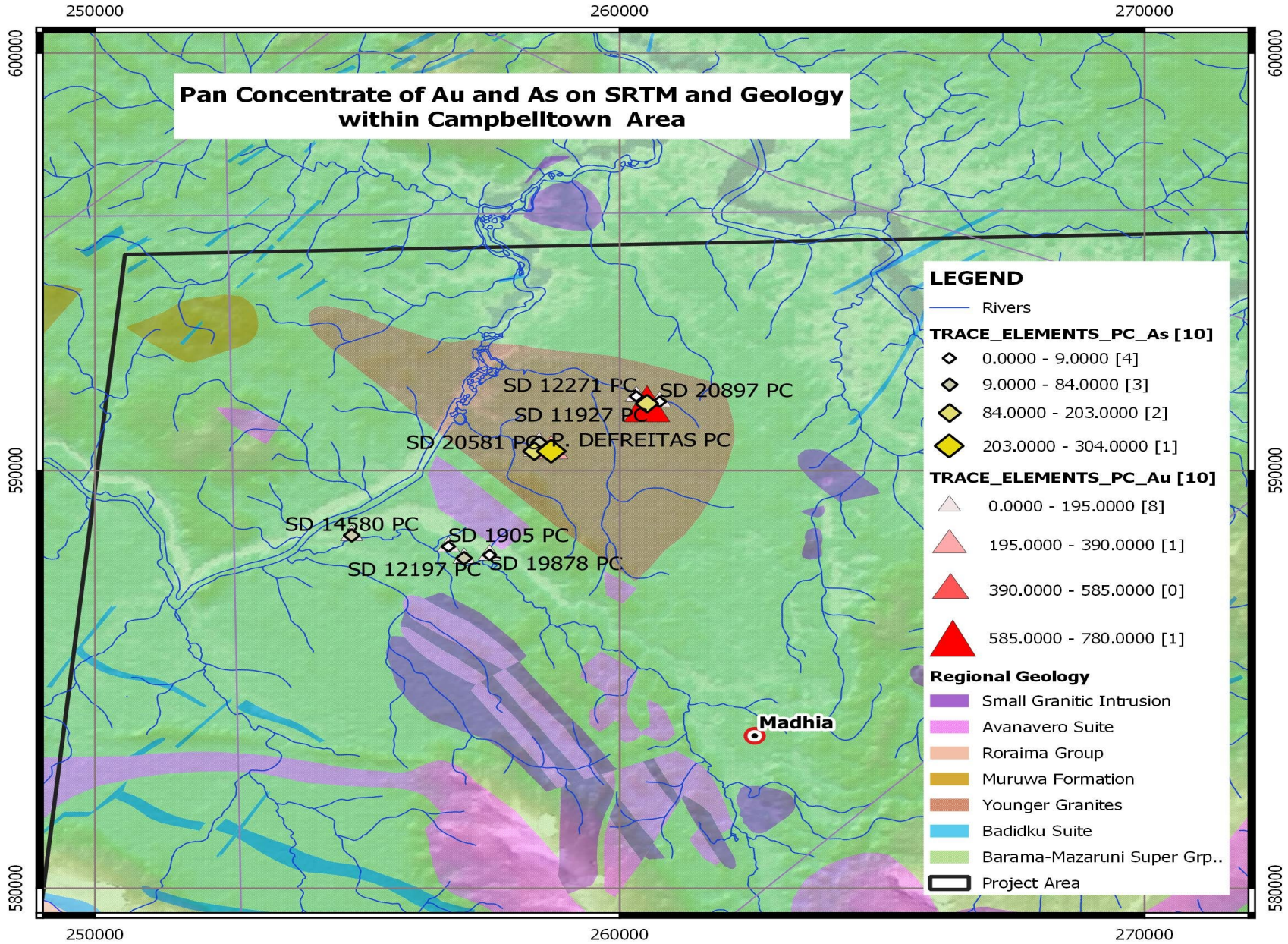


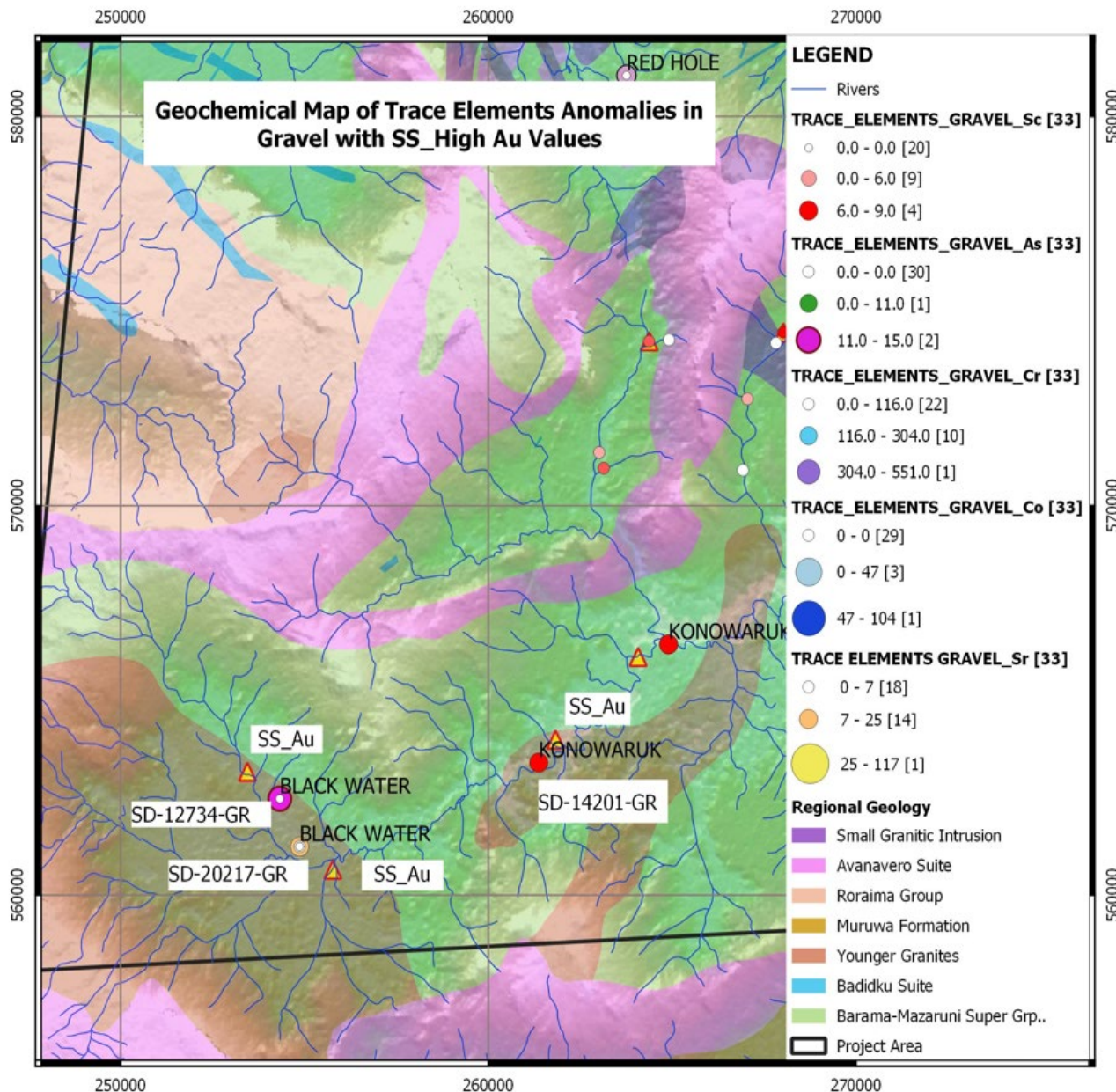
Fig. 61

Source: Headley 2021

Pan Concentrate of Au and As on SRTM and Geology within Campbelltown Area

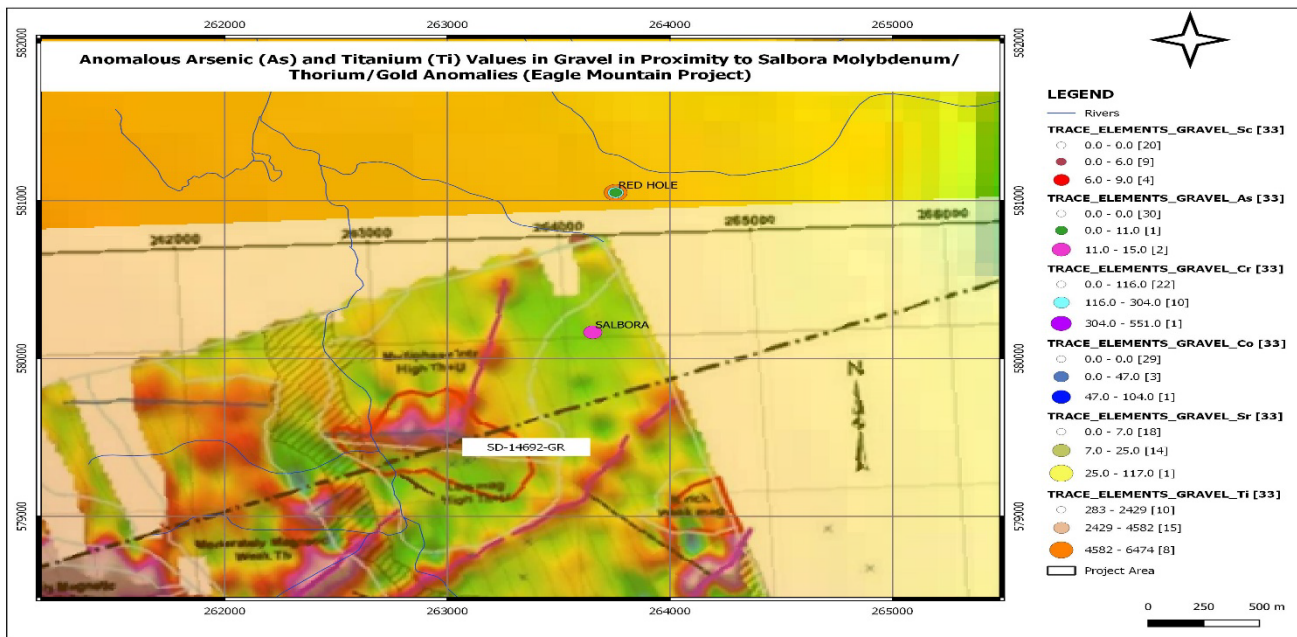


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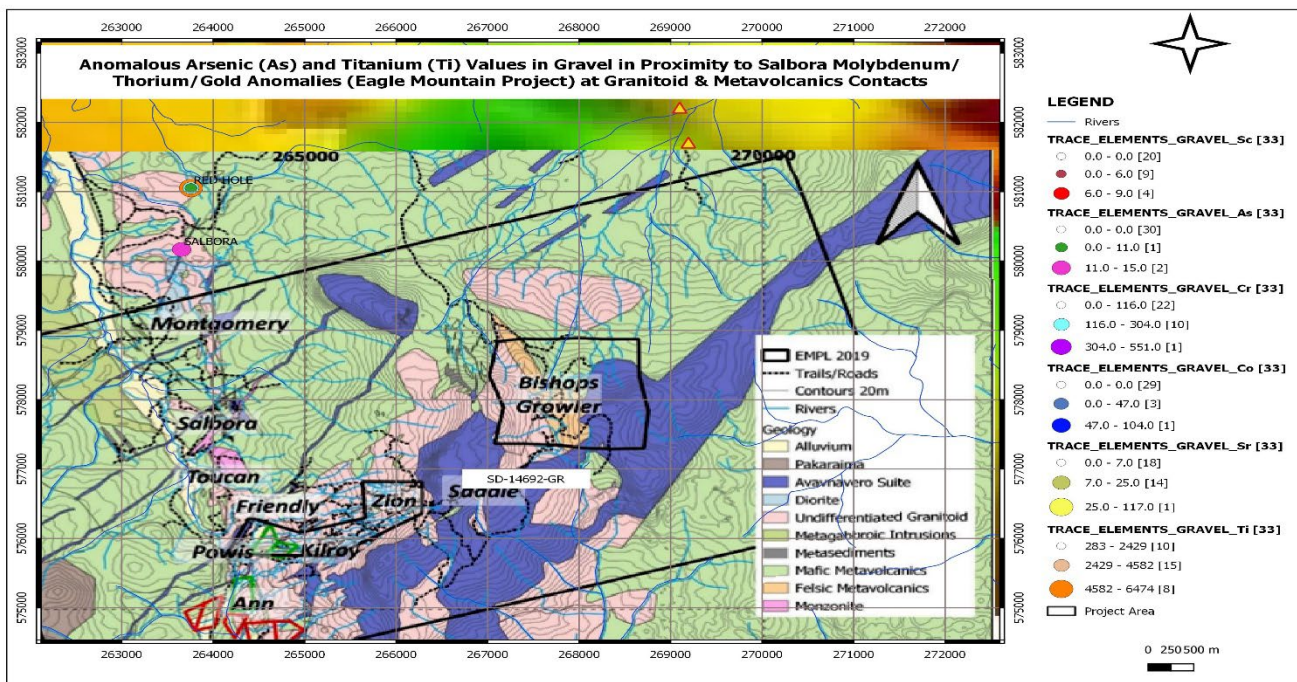
SOUTH WEST QUADRANT (BLACK WATER AREA)

- 1) Apparent anomalous Arsenic (As) located at geological contact of Meta Volcanic and younger Granitic intrusive.
- 2) Active medium scale mining operations ongoing at sample site.
- 3) Arsenic (As) correlated with GGMC stream sediment Au BLEG anomaly.
- 4) Area is a target for follow up sampling and investigations.



CENTRE OF PROJECT AREA (RED HOLE AND SALBORA AREAS)

- 1) Apparent anomalous Arsenic(As) and Titanium(Ti) values located at geological contacts of Meta Volcanic and younger Granitic intrusive in Salbora and Red Hole (close proximity to Mahdia).
- 2) Active small scale mining operations ongoing at sample sites.
- 3) Arsenic (As) anomaly within close proximity to radiometric anomaly (Thorium and Uranium) anomaly.
- 4) Radiometric anomaly is a Molybdenum/Gold mineralization within the Eagle Mountain Gold Project(Gold Source NI 43-101 2022).
- 5) Area is a target for follow up sampling and investigations.



Recommendations and Next Steps

- 1) Gold grain morphological studies for every sample site should be done,
- 2) A higher efficiency industry accepted XRF machine should be sourced to give better results,
- 3) Samples should be taken of gravel, pan concentrate and other easily accessible sample sites in other mining camps/ mining districts,
- 4) Samples to be analyzed with XRF(for trace elements in gravels) and Fire Assay (Au in Pan Concentrate)

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