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RE: Husky/U.S.N.

SO. Harrison Bay #1  
Sec. 6, 12N/2E, U.B.M.  
North Slope, Alaska

FINAL MICROPALAEONTOLOGY REPORT

Enclosed you will find a 1" to 100' faunal distribution log and four faunal checklists on the South Harrison Bay #1 well. The conclusions presented in this report are based on the processing, picking and examination of 351 ditch samples, generally composited on 30 to 40 foot intervals, 2 conventional core, and 11 sidewall core samples. Thin sections were prepared on 30 foot ditch intervals below 10,150 feet. A generalized age summary of the well is provided below.

500-950'

Generally barren of foraminifera. Coaly cherty sandstone with frequent to abundant volcanic glass shards. This unit is probably equivalent lithologically to the Kogosukruk Tongue of the Prince Creek Fm.

AGE: Probable Late Cretaceous (Senonian)  
Probable Prince Creek Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Nonmarine to Marginal Marine

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950-2330'

Eoeponidella strombodes, Dorothia smokyensis, Nonionella taylorensis, Praebulimina venusae, Textularia gravenori, Verneuillinoides fischeri, Trochammina ribstonensis, T. whittingtoni, Cenosphaera spp., Spongurus spp., Sethocyrtis spp., Archicorys spp., Theocorys spp., Dictyomitra spp., D. multicostata, Spongodiscus spp., S. cf. renillaeformis, Rhopalodictyum sp., and Spongostaurus sp.

The above assemblage is characteristic of the Senonian Schrader Bluff Formation. Faunas obtained throughout this interval are indicative of oscillating middle neritic to upper bathyal (non-turbid) deposition.

AGE: Late Cretaceous (Senonian)  
Schrader Bluff Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Middle Neritic to Upper Bathyal  
(non-turbid)

2330-3210'

Gaudryina irenensis, Trochammina rutherfordi, T. ribstonensis, Zonodiscus sp. A, Cenosphaera spp., Spongurus spp., and Spongodiscus spp. characterize this interval.

A top on the "Paper Shale" ("cutinized leaves") was found at 2880 feet. This point is probably at the top of or down in the Shale Wall Member of the Seabee Formation. This interval is generally dominated by starved basin deposition as indicated by the high organic content and the lack of preserved calcareous foraminifera associated with the few short pulses of open marine radiolarian bursts.

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2330-3210' (con't.)

AGE: Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian to  
Turonian)  
Seabee Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Open Marine (starved basin)

3210-3330'

This fauna contains: Gaudryina canadensis, Trochammina rainwateri, T. mcmurrayensis, T. gatesensis, Verneuillinoidea cf. borealis, and Haplophragmoides bonanzaensis.

This association appears to be a transitional fauna which could be either Albian or Cenomanian in age. These strata probably represent turbid middle to outer neritic deposition.

AGE: Early to Late Cretaceous (Albian  
to Cenomanian)  
Probable Nanushuk Group

ENVIRONMENT: Probable Middle to Outer Neritic  
(turbid)

3330-5260'

Haplophragmoides topagorukensis, H. cf. linki, H. gigas, H. cf. excavata, Ammobaculites fragmentarius, A. wenonahae, Lenticulina macrodisca, L. erecta, Trochammina umiatensis, T. mcmurrayensis, Miliammina manitobensis, Psamminopelta subcircularis, Saccamina lathrami, Cyclammina cf. pacifica, Globorotalites alaskensis, Praebulimina nanina, Valvulineria loetterlei, Bathysiphon vitta, Verneuillinoidea borealis and Ditrupa cornu occur in this interval. The above association

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3330-5260' (con't.)

is typical of the Verneuilioides borealis Faunal Zone and is Albian age. The environments represented by these moderately diverse assemblages were probably of somewhat turbid middle to outer neritic depths with short periods of lesser turbidity.

AGE: Early Cretaceous (Albian)  
Nanushuk Group

ENVIRONMENT: Middle to Outer Neritic  
(fluctuating turbidity)

5260-7270'

A pyritized radiolarian assemblage characterizes these strata together with rare non-diagnostic agglutinated foraminifera. Lithocampe cf. sp. N occurs in the bottom of this interval, but preservation makes the identification uncertain. According to Ramsey (1970) this zone of pyritized radiolaria separates the Verneuilioides borealis zone from the Gaudryina tailleuri zone, and is probably Aptian to early Albian in age. Due to the preservation of this fauna, all that can be said about the environment of deposition is that it was marine and open to oceanic currents. It was recently brought to our attention that these strata may represent deep marine (below compensation depth) basal slope deposits. This is certainly a possibility since calcareous foraminifera are very scarce in this interval and could represent caved specimens when they do occur.

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5260-7270' (con't.)

AGE: Early Cretaceous (Aptian to  
Early Albian)  
Torok Fm. or Fortress Mountain Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Open Marine (possibly Lower Bathyal  
to Abyssal)

7270-7360'

Occurrences of Gaudryina tailleuri, Haplophragmoides canui, Recurvoides turbinatus, Ammobaculites alaskensis, Lenticulina audax, L. quenstedti, Textularia areoplecta, Trochammina instowensis, and T. topagorukensis indicate that these strata are probably pre-Tithonian age. The lack of some of the Oxfordian forms found in the underlying interval suggest that this assemblage could be as young as Kimmeridgian in age. These strata were probably deposited in outer neritic to bathyal water depths.

AGE: Late Jurassic (Oxfordian to  
Kimmeridgian)  
Kingak Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Outer Neritic to Bathyal

7360-8230'

Marginulina radiata, M. prima, Trochammina canningensis, T. instowensis, T. sp. (sml., high spired), Involutina aspera, Lenticulina audax, L. prima, Ammobaculites alaskensis, A. barrowensis, Marginulinopsis phragmites, Saracenaria topagorukensis, Haplophragmoides canui, H. barrowensis, Vaginulina sherborni, and Astacolus pediacus occur throughout these strata. Based on occurrences in nearby wells,

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7360-8230' (con't.)

the above fauna would indicate an early Late Jurassic age. Also, the occurrence of Saracenaria topagorukensis would suggest the same age. The abundant and diverse faunas of this interval probably represent an outer neritic to upper bathyal environment of deposition associated with fluctuating amounts of turbidity.

AGE: Late Jurassic (Oxfordian)  
Kingak Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Outer Neritic to Upper Bathyal

8230-8970'

Ammobaculites vetusta, A. alaskensis, Bathysiphon anomalocoelia, Trochamminoides spp., T. cf. proteus, Gaudryina dyscrita, Astacolus dubius, Trochammina contornata and common to abundant pyritized radiolaria of the genera Cyrtocapsa, Stichomitra, Cenosphaera, Lithocampe, Spongodiscus, and Dictyomitra occur in these strata. Also diagnostic of this unit is a burst of Tasmanites spp. which appears to be characteristic in this area. These strata are Early to Middle Jurassic in age. They probably represent deposition in middle neritic to upper bathyal depths characterized by fluctuating turbidity. A sandstone occurs at the base of this unit which may be an equivalent to the Sag River Sandstone.

AGE: Early to Middle Jurassic  
Kingak Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Middle Neritic to Upper Bathyal

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8970-9360'

Ammobaculites sthenarus, Astacolus connudatus, Tolypammina glareosa, Nodosaria larina, N. shublikensis, Lingulina borealis, Pseudoglandulina simpsonensis, P. densa, and Monotis fragments among others, occur throughout these beds. The Triassic age of these strata is firmly established on the basis of the above fauna. The Triassic in this well, as in the East Teshekpuk #1 well, appears to be fairly continuously marine. These faunas represent fluctuating inner to outer neritic open marine conditions.

AGE: Triassic  
Shublik Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Inner to Outer Neritic

9360-10,210'

Trochammina sp. (sml., thin), Anmodiscus sp. P, Ammobaculites cf. vetusta, A. cf. barrowensis, A. sp. (sml., thin), and Trochamminoides spp., together with rare to common radiolaria, mark this interval. This assemblage would appear to represent turbid inner to middle shelf deposition. Two samples at the bottom of this unit (10,150-10,210') contain a heavily glauconitic sandstone suggestive of the Echooka Member of the Sadlerochit Formation.

AGE: Permo-Triassic  
Sadlerochit Fm.

ENVIRONMENT: Inner to Middle Neritic (turbid)

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10,210-11,290' T.D.

Generally throughout the area westward of the Prudhoe Bay State #1 well, the Lisburne Group can be divided into three lithologic units:

1. Upper Limestone Unit
2. Dolomite Unit
3. Lower Limy Unit

The Upper Limestone Unit is 1,080+ feet thick in this well, and it would appear to be unconformable at its upper boundary.

Strata between 10,210 feet and about 10,720 feet contain Paleotextularia ss. (?), rare Biseriella spp., rare Eoshubertella spp., and frequent Stylocodium sp. These rocks conspicuously lack occurrences of Asteroarchaediscus spp., Neoarchaediscus spp., and Archaediscus spp. These rocks are certainly no older than Zone 21, but could be as young as Zone 22 (see Mamet, 1971, pages 203 and 204)\*. These strata probably correlate in part with strata between 9655 feet and 9930 feet in the East Teshekpuk #1 well.

\*Mamet, B. L. & Ross, G. A., 1971, in Bamber & Waterhouse, "Carboniferous and Permian Stratigraphy and Paleontology, Northern Yukon Territory, Canada"; Bull. of Can. Petr. Geol., vol. 19, no. 1, pp. 196-205.



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10,210-11,290' T.D. (con't.)

Bursts of Eoshubertella yukonensis, Pseudostaffella sp., and Pseudoendothyra britishensis together with occurrences of Neoarchaediscus spp., Asteroarchaediscus spp., Archaeodiscus spp., and frequent Stylocodium sp. indicate that the strata between about 10,720 feet and 11,290 feet (total depth) are Zone 21 in age. The following are possible correlative horizons with the East Teshekpuk Lake #1 well:

<u>S. Harrison Bay #1</u>	<u>E. Teshekpuk Lake #1</u>
10,720'	9,930'
10,870'	10,020'
11,170'	10,140'

These strata for the most part represent a carbonate platform suite. Strata below 10,870 feet represent open shelf shales and cherty limestones, and platform edge oolitic and algal "bank" packstones and grainstones. Strata above 10,870 feet probably represent packstones, wackestones, and lime mudstones of the restricted shelf and lagoonal environments.


AGE: Middle Pennsylvanian or younger  
Lisburne Group (Wahoo Lmst.)

ENVIRONMENT: Neritic (shelf)

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SADLEROGHIT FORMATION		SHUBLIK FM.	K I N G A K S H A L E				Fm. and	DEPTH (m)	SPECIES
IVISHAK MEMBER		TRIASSIC	EARLY TO MIDDLE JURASSIC	LATE JURASSIC		TOX TO 1 KIHM			
PERMO-TRIASSIC					OXFORDIAN				
10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	
9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	10000	
8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	10000	
7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	10000	
6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	10000	
5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	10000	
4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	10000	
3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	10000	
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	10000	
1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10000	

LISBURNE GROUP			FM.	AGE	DEPTH(feet)	SPL. TYPE	FORAMINIFERA & ALGAE
WAHOO LIMESTONE							
MIDDLE PENNSYLVANIAN OR YOUNGER							
ZONE 21			ZONE 21 OR YOUNGER				
10,210-10,240	D						EARLANDIA SPP.
10,240-10,270	D						ENDOTHYRA SPP.
10,270-10,300	D						PSEUDOGLOMOSPIRA SP.
10,300-10,330	D						EOSCHUBERTELLA YUKONENSIS
10,330-10,360	D						DIPLOSPHAERA SP.
10,360-10,390	D						TREPEILOPSIS SP.
10,390-10,420	D						STYLOCODIUM SP.
10,420-10,450	D						CALCISPHAERA LAEVIS
10,450-10,480	D						MONOTAXINOIDES MULTIVOLUTUS
10,480-10,510	D						GLOBIVALVULINA SP.
10,510-10,540	D						EARLANDIA ELEGANS
10,540-10,570	D						ZELLERINA SPP.
10,570-10,600	D						ASPHALTINA SP.
10,600-10,630	D						EDTUBERTINA SP.
10,630-10,660	D						KAMAENA SP.
10,660-10,690	D						BISERIELLA SP.
10,690-10,720	D						PALEOTEXTULARIA SS. ?
10,720-10,750	D						STACHEOIDES MEANDRIFORMIS
10,750-10,780	D						BISERIELLA PARVA
10,780-10,810	D						TETRATAXIS SP.
10,810-10,840	D						GIRVANELLA DUCII
10,840-10,870	D						PRISCILLA PRISCA
10,870-10,900	D						PSEUDOSTAFFELLA SP.
10,900-10,930	D						ARCHAEDISCUS KRESTOVNIKOWI
10,930-10,960	D						ASTEROARCHAEDISCUS SPP.
10,960-10,990	D						NEOARCHAEDISCUS INCERTUS
10,990-11,020	D						BRUNZIA ? SP.
11,020-11,050	D						GLOBIVALVULINA BULLOIDES
11,050-11,080	D						NEOARCHAEDISCUS SPP.
11,080-11,110	D						PESUDOENDOTHYRA BRITISHENSIS
11,110-11,140	D						VOLVOTEXTULARIA MISSISSIPPIANA
11,140-11,170	D						HILLERELLA PRESSA
11,170-11,200	D						PLANOENDOTHYRA ROTAYI
11,200-11,230	D						ENDOTHYRA PARAMOSQUENSIS
11,230-11,260	D						GLOBOENDOTHYRA SP.
11,260-11,290	D						PESUDOENDOTHYRA ORNATA
							MISCELLANEOUS
							CHERT
							OSTRACODS
							COLITES
							CORAL WALL DEBRIS

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R = RARE  
 F = FREQUENT  
 C = COMMON  
 D = DITCH

FORAMINIFERA & ALGAE