5 CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion to this project we would like to reiterate that the aeromagnetic data has been successful in:

- a) Enabling the identification of structures that significantly improve the geological knowledge of the study area. Consequently the enclosures 1, 2 and 3 are the main results of this study, with enclosure 4 summarising the key elements.
- b) From the structural interpretation and litho-magnetic associations it is possible to divide the area into 5 domains. The most prospective domains are likely to be domain 3A and 2A, as they clearly contain zoned igneous units and are cross-cut by major (E – W and NW – SE trending) regional structures. Domain 3B could contain similar structures to domain 3A, with prospective units at depth, buried by Triassic-Jurassic volcanosedimentary units.
- c) The predominantly E-W trending structural domain 2, possibly provides evidence of thrusting having been active in the region which could be beneficial for the development of large porphyry deposits.
- d) Even though structures with an E W strike appear to be the dominant regional structures (such as the Vitim Suture Zone) this study proposes that the NW trending structures are equally if not more significant for focusing large porphyry mineral deposits.
- e) Normal faulting affects the area to create several large basins and our preference is to infer that these structures represent a relatively 'late' event and has occurred with relatively in-situ dip-slip displacement.
- f) Recognition of multiple phases and/ or zonation of igneous related litho-magnetic units may also assist the identification of porphyry mineralisation. It is not possible to definitively say whether areas of relative magnetic low of high response is the most prospective as magnetic signatures vary depending on the depth of weathering across porphyries. A good litho-magnetic study may help to resolve some of the apparent complexity within the igneous units.
- g) All the data is compiled as an active project (1495_Mongolia.apr) in a geographic system (ArcViewTM) ready for verification and addition of further complimentary information.
- h) Fourteen prospective sites that occur around areas of known mineralisation, major structures or zoned intrusive bodies are described in terms of their geophysical response. Possible explanations for the mineral occurrence and further potential are discussed.

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Recommendations that result from this study are:

- a) The contract for this interpretation stipulates that the interpretation focuses on the structures within the area. However, much of the potentially useful information on lithomagnetic units, and in particular the identification of igneous zonation and multiple intrusive bodies has not been rigorously interpreted and correlated with published mapping. In order for the data to be used to its full potential we strongly recommend that a more detailed litho-magnetic interpretation be undertaken. To correlate litho-magnetic signatures with mappable units and areas of alteration, interpretation should preferably be made in conjunction with field verification.
- b) It is now possible to develop a regional interpretation or synthesis based on the remote sensing imagery and constrained by the detail available from the airborne geophysical data. However, the validity of the regional interpretation or synthesis decreases the further you go from the geophysical data. To rapidly develop an improved regional overview for the structure, tectonics and intrusive history of Central Northern Mongolia it would be beneficial to undertake other surveys with a similar coverage and data resolution and strategically placed throughout the region. Following this approach would provide the necessary control to accurately develop a true regional synthesis.
- c) The possible explanations for the numerous mineralised areas highlighted in this study require verification. Use of any information such as company reports, geochemistry, drill hole logs and field mapping should be assessed using the new data available from this work. During the course of the verification process it may be necessary to review and amend this interpretation.
- d) Once the correlation between structures and litho-magnetic units from airborne geophysical data and significant mineralised areas are verified, it may be desirable to review specific target areas. Due to the current 250 m line spacing of the airborne surveys much of the fine detail and information for fault geometries (offsets, jogs and splays, radial fractures) are missing. By undertaking an infill survey using 50 m line spacing over a series of areas such as key targets and mines would enable a far more detailed assessment of the area to be made.

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