# PECTEN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY



# PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

### SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC



Somali Nomad (12/87)

OFFSHORE BLOCKS

M-3, M-4, M-5, M-6, and M-7

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6. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date referenced above and shall continue until the expiration, termination or surrender of Pecten's rights in the Concession, or three (3) years from the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is later.

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PECTEN SOMALIA COMPANY

# Exploration Potential: Offshore Somalia Blocks M-3 through M-7

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Somalia Coastal Basins extend along the passive continental margin of East Africa for 1850 kilometers (1150 miles) from the Horn of Africa to the Kenyan border. These basins cover a narrow shelf, 8 to 80 kilometers wide (average 12 km) and extend onshore from 80 to 300 kilometers. Almost 1200 kilometers (750 miles) are encompassed by the 5 offshore blocks M-3 through M-7 (14.9 MM acres) (Figure 1). In a portion of Blocks M-4 and M-5 (Figure 2), a structural province, the Gems Area, has been identified which contains at least 19 leads and prospects. These leads include dramatic compressional structures that map as large simple and faulted folds (Figure 3). These large structural traps form the basis for the primary play in this large acreage block. In addition, the 19 nearby wells and the previously acquired seismic data indicate the potential for several other types of plays along this 1200 kilometer stretch of passive margin.

#### STRUCTURE AND STRATIGRAPHY

The oldest post-Karroo sequence that outcrops and which has been penetrated by wells in Somalia and Ethiopia is the Triassic-Early Jurassic Adigrat sandstone, a fluvial-lacustrine? sequence with a poorly understood distribution. This continental sequence is overlain by a thick, extensive carbonate platform which covered the Horn of Africa, the Arabian platform, and Madagascar, and which extended throughout much of Somalia during the Middle and Late Jurassic. This carbonate platform was disrupted by Late Jurassic rifting and drifting marking the breakup of Gondwana and the separation of Somalia and Madagascar. This Jurassic carbonate sequence was then transgressed by extensive Lower and Upper Cretaceous shelf carbonates and evaporites with associated basin edge fluvial clastics. These units in turn were unconformably overlain by Tertiary mixed clastics and carbonates typical of a passive margin setting (Figure 4).

This stratigraphic sequence has provided multiple opportunities for reservoirs and seals as summarized by a generalized stratigraphic picture in Figure 5. Both carbonate and clastic reservoirs have been penetrated in wells, and include Upper Cretaceous reefal (rudistid) limestones and oolitic grainstones with porous sections (20-30% porosity) up to 490 meters (1600 feet) thick (El Hamurre-1). Porous Upper Cretaceous chalky grainstones have been penetrated in Garad Mare-1 (28% porosity). Middle Jurassic dolomites have been encountered with sucrosic and vuggy porosity in the 15-25% range. The basal Mesozoic Adigrat sandstone is an important secondary objective with 15-20% porosities, while Late Cretaceous porous turbidite sands with oil and condensate recoveries have been penetrated in the Coriole basin to the south.

Potential sealing facies are abundant and include Middle Jurassic basinal shales, the Upper Jurassic Uarandab shale, and Lower Cretaceous shales as well as evaporites. A thick early Tertiary shale section, resting unconformably on Upper Cretaceous carbonate reservoirs, was penetrated in Garad Mare-1.

The stratigraphic sequences penetrated in wells drilled in the Somalia Coastal Basins indicate significant stratigraphic variation along this 1200 kilometer (750 mile) coastline. This stratigraphic variation increases the potential for numerous plays (Figure 6) along this stretch of coast where only 2 offshore wells have been drilled within Blocks M-3 thru M-7.

# HYDROCARBON SHOWS AND SOURCE ROCKS

The 30-year hydrocarbon exploration history in Somalia has resulted in only 67 wells in a country slightly larger than the state of Texas. No production has been established in the country as is the case for all of the countries in East Africa. However, some of the best oil recoveries anywhere along the East African margin have occurred in the Coriole Basin near Mogadishu.

Afgoi 1, 2 and 3 have reportedly recovered up to 8400 MCF/D of gas and 42 bbls of 51 degree API gravity condensate. Afgoi 2 and 3 failed to prove economic quantities of hydrocarbons and a proposed development plan was dropped. Coriole 1 and 2 recovered up to 100 BOPD and 2080 MCF/D of gas from Cretaceous sandstones and from fractured volcanics intruding the Cretaceous section. Twelve barrels-perday of 41 degree API oil were also recovered

from Eocene dolomites in Coriole 1. The other significant hydrocarbon recoveries in the region have come out of the Ogaden portion of Ethiopia and from the Dagah Shabel region in northern Somalia. In the Ogaden, an estimated 0.9 TCF of gas have been discovered at the Calub gas field. No production has yet been established. Small amounts of oil (30-51 degree API) have also been recovered from several wells in the Ogaden from Triassic/Lower Jurassic sandstones and Middle Jurassic carbonates. Several wells drilled near the oil seep at Dagah Shabel recovered up to 21 bbls of 27-34 degree API gravity oil from both Jurassic limestones and Upper Cretaceous sandstone.

Other indications of hydrocarbons in the form of oil stains, dead oil, fluorescence, and gas shows have been reported from many of the wells drilled in Somalia. The significance and reliability of these reports remain undetermined.

Figure 7, a Middle to Late Jurassic paleoreconstruction, summarizes much of the regional evidence for hydrocarbon generation, illustrating in particular, the 23.2 BB of heavy oil and tar in Madagascar and the 500 MMBO in the Jurassic of North Yemen.

A regional uniform source rock package has not been identified by the drilling history in Somalia. Many of the older wells have not been thoroughly evaluated for source rock potential since access to well samples is a significant problem. However, source rock data accumulated from numerous sources, indicate scattered occurrences of marginal to excellent source rocks in several stratigraphic packages. These are schematically illustrated in Figure 5. Thickness and areal distribution of each of these identified packages remains unknown and is the subject of ongoing evaluation. Table 1 summarizes some of the source rock indications which have been identified.

Table 1
Summary of Source Rock Indications

Well Name	Age	Maximum % TOC
Buran	Upper Cretaceous	4.2
En Dibirre	Upper Cretaceous	6.2
El Bur	Upper Cretaceous	3.5
Afgoi 3	Upper Cretaceous	3.8
Calub	Lower Cretaceous	5.6
Magan (Ethiopia)	Upper Jurassic	6.8
Hilala 2 (Ethiopia)	Upper Jurassic	3.1
El Kuran (Ethiopia)	Upper Jurassic	7.1
El Cabobe	Middle Jurassic	5.9
El Cabobe	Triassic/L. Jurassic	12.9
El Kuran (Ethiopia)	Triassic/L. Jurassic	6.0
Cotton	Triassic/L. Jurassic	6.2

#### **GEMS AREA PLAY**

The primary play identified within Blocks M-3 through M-7 has been recognized in the northern portion of M-4 and the southern portion of M-5 (Gems Area) (Figure 8).

This area is covered with a roughly 4 km x 4 km seismic grid acquired in 1974 and 1975 for Conoco in joint venture with Pecten and AGIP (Figure 8). The 1974 CGG data set comprises 1283 km of data, while the 1975 G.S.I. data includes 1356 km.

Although the structures of the primary play were clearly visible on the contractor sections, Pecten elected to reprocess 17 lines (599 km) in the vicinity of the Garad Mare-1 well. All these lines were processed through poststack migration, and most had dip moveout applied. The goals of this reprocessing were: 1) refine the

appearance of the Upper Cretaceous unconformity, and; 2) enhance the character of the Upper Cretaceous section. See lines 75-105 through 75-116 (Seismic enclosures) for examples of the DMOed and migrated sections, and 74-5 or 74-22 for examples of a contractor's stack from the 1974 data set.

Recent Pecten interpretation of this data has identified at least 19 significant leads and prospects, both simple folds and faulted structures, and which lie in 90-490 meters (300 to 1800 feet) of water (Figures 9 and 10).

In 1977, AGIP drilled Garad Mare-1, approximately 12 kilometers (7 miles) shoreward of the mapped trend of structures. Although drilled on a high block, Pecten's interpretation indicates that the Garad Mare 1 does not test a closed structure (Figure 11).

Figures 12 and 13 summarize the stratigraphy encountered in the well and illustrates the stratigraphic correlations with the mapped seismic horizons. A thick Paleocene through Lower Miocene shale section provides a tremendous seal on the Upper Cretaceous carbonates. Petrophysical interpretation of the Upper Cretaceous section indicates at least 225 meters (1400 feet) of porous carbonates with porosities greater than 20%. Lithologic descriptions indicate these intervals are predominantly chalky grainstones. Porosity/permeability trend curves for similar carbonate rock types in Syria and Oman indicate permeabilities on the order of 10 md can be expected. These estimates await confirmation once well samples from this interval are obtained.

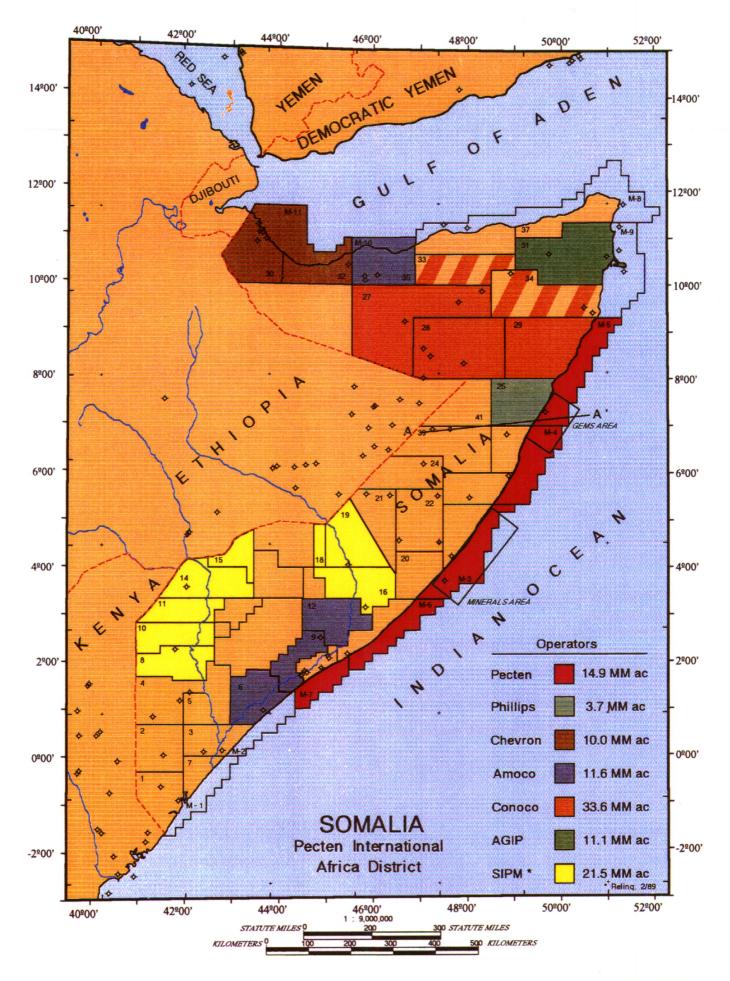
Vitrinite reflectance data collected by Robertson Research indicate a normal VR-vs-Depth trend with the top of the estimated oil maturity window at 2550 meters (8350 feet) (Figure 14). This places the Jurassic section, a major potential source rock interval, in the oil maturity window over most of the Gems Area.

Figure 15, which illustrates seismic line 75-116 flattened on three mapped horizons, demonstrates that growth on the Emerald Prospect occurred predominantly during the Early Tertiary, post-Upper Cretaceous. This indicates the traps were developed prior to maturation of any potential source rocks in the Jurassic or Lower Cretaceous.

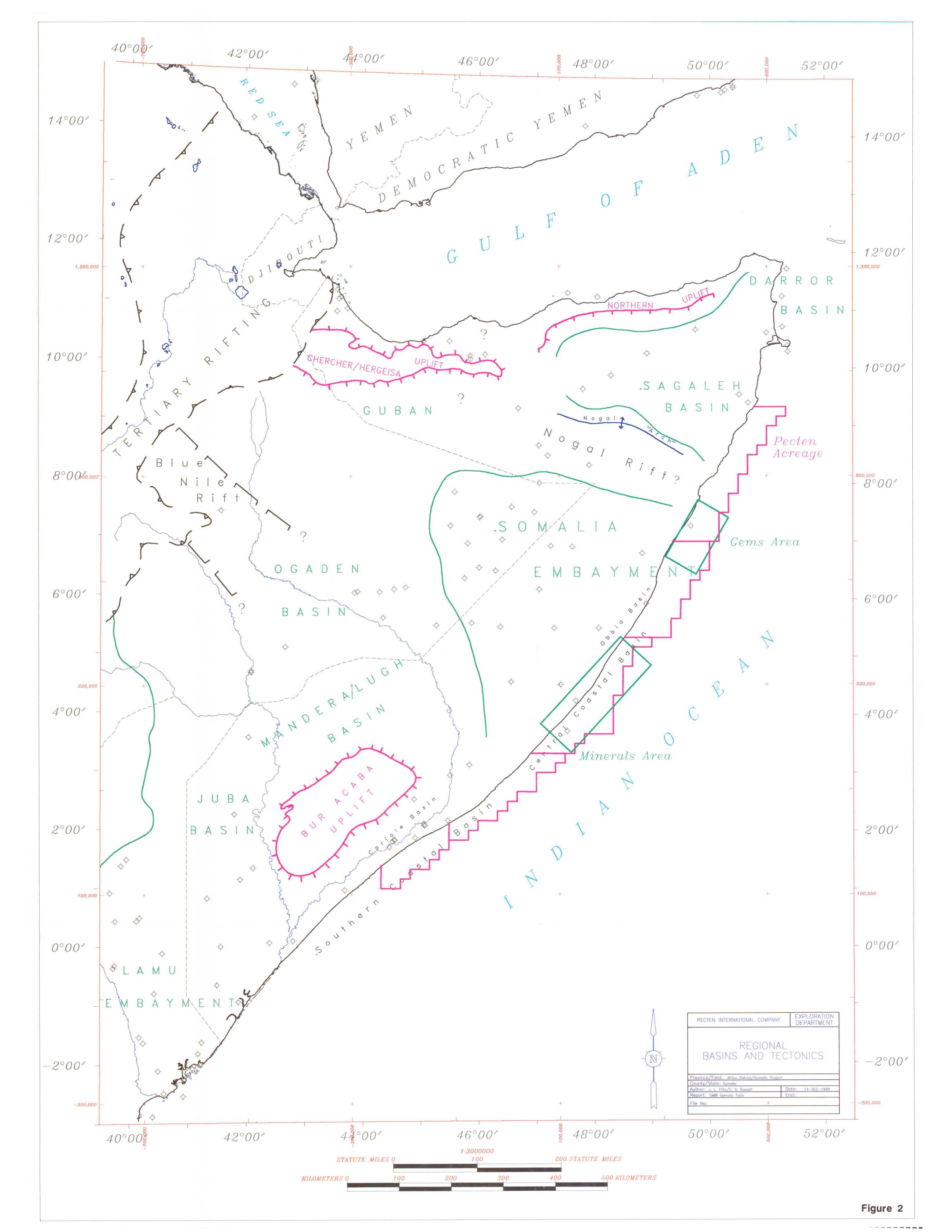
#### CONCLUSIONS

The 14.9 MM acres with these 5 offshore Exploration blocks should provide multiple play opportunities within the Mesozoic section. Both carbonate and clastic reservoir objectives are present and multiple stratigraphic horizons may provide source rock potential. The

Gem's area play provides the best opportunity at present, and provides excellent trapping configurations within the Upper Cretaceous carbonate section. This section exhibits good reservoir characteristics in the nearby Garad Mare well. An excellent sealing situation exists with 1450 meters of Tertiary shale capping the reservoir section. The numerous large and simple structures with excellent seals on the reservoir section provide a very large scope play with enormous volume potential. However, as is the case for all of the East African margin, source rock and charge remain the primary risk for successful plays along this passive margin.

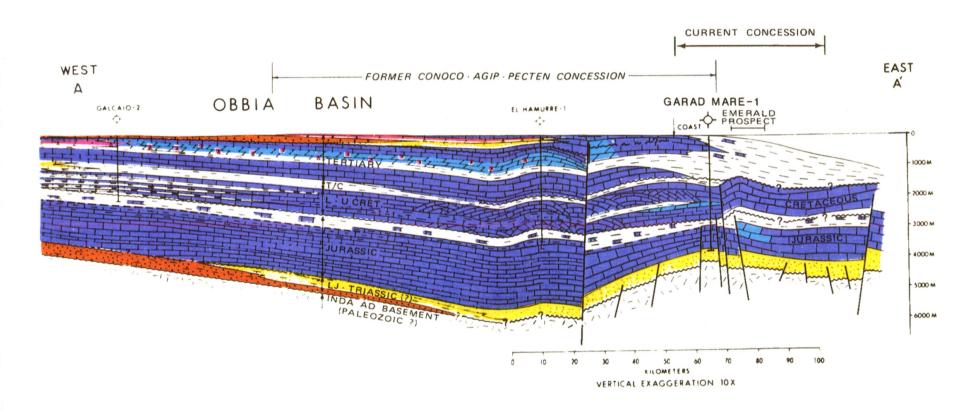


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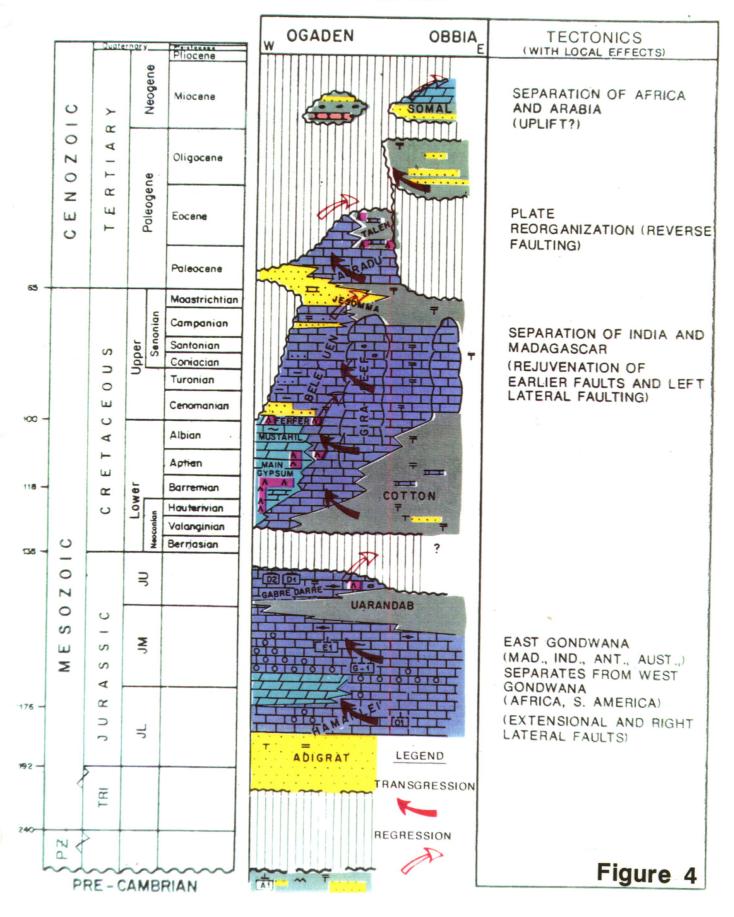
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# SOMALIA COASTAL BASINS REGIONAL GEOLOGIC CROSS-SECTION



# SOMALIA EMBAYMENT

GEOLOGIC DEVELOPMENT



# SOMALIA COASTAL BASINS

# GENERALIZED STRATIGRAPHY

	AGE	MAXIMUM DEPTH (METERS)		LITHOLOGY	RESERVOIR	POTENTIAL SOURCE ROCK	SEAL
	MIOCENE	850	MERCA				
ARY	OLIGOCENE	2000	SOMAL				
TERTIARY	UPPER EOCENE MID. EOCENE	2850	KARKAR / OBBIA		`		
-	L. EOCENE - PALEOCENE	3150	AURADU / CORIOLE		*	*	
- 12	PALEOCENE	4650	SAGALEH / MARAI ASCIA				*
SNO	LIDDED	5050	JESOMMA		*	*	
ACEC	UPPER	5975	BELET UEN / GIRA / GUMBURO		*	*	
H	LOWER	6275 -	FERFER / MUSTAHIL				*
CR	2011211	7000	MAIN GYPSUM / COTTON /			*	
	LIDDED	7200	GABREDARRE		*		
	UPPER	- 7850 - 8600	UARANDAB			*	
JURASSIC	MIDDLE	- 9800 -			*		
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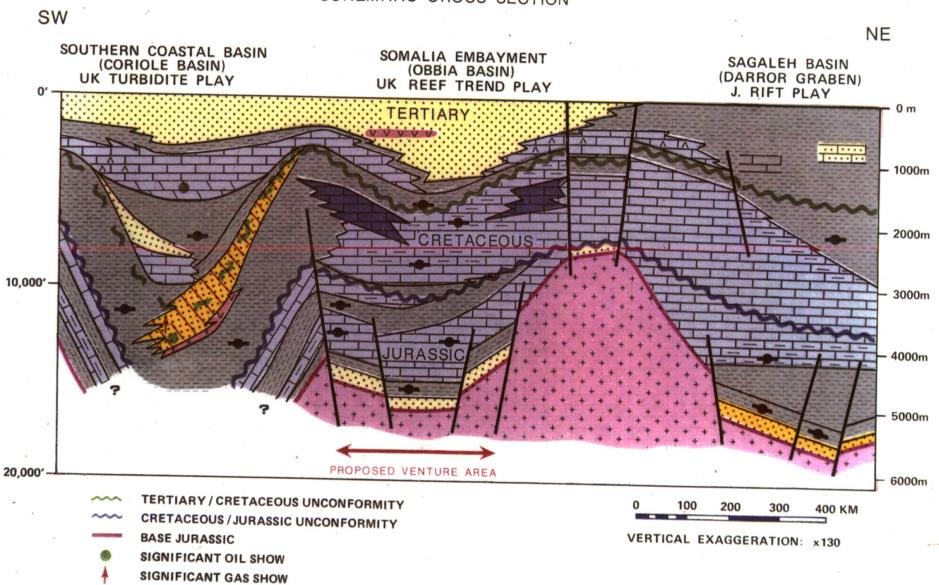
Figure 5

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# SOMALIA COASTAL BASINS

PLAY CONCEPTS SCHEMATIC CROSS SECTION



POTENTIAL SOURCE ROCK

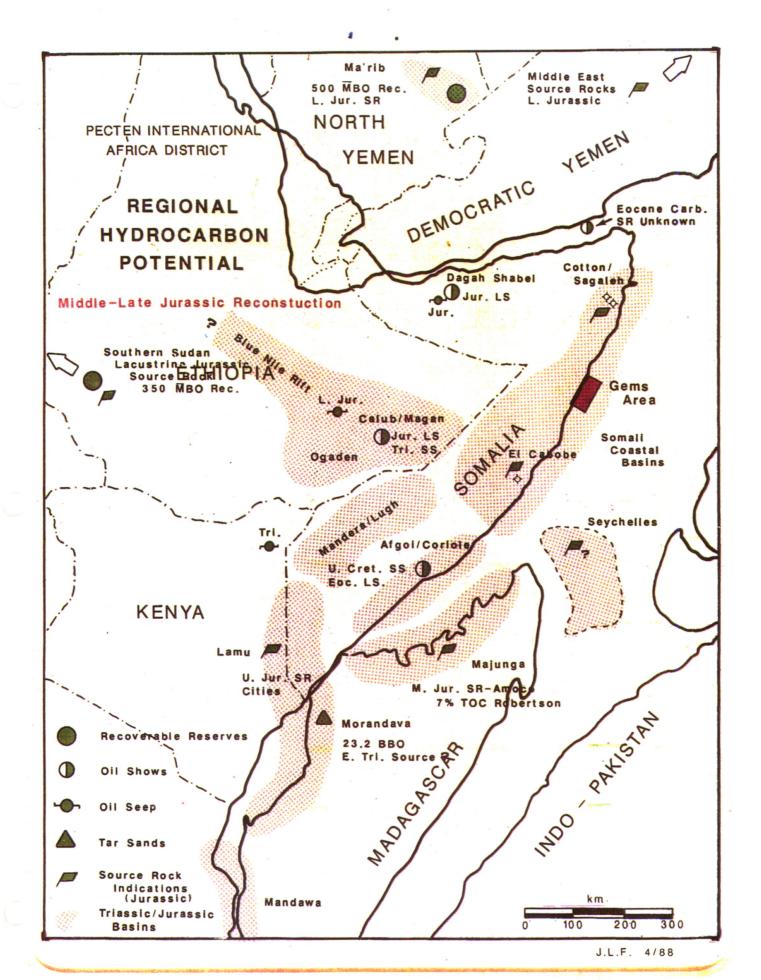
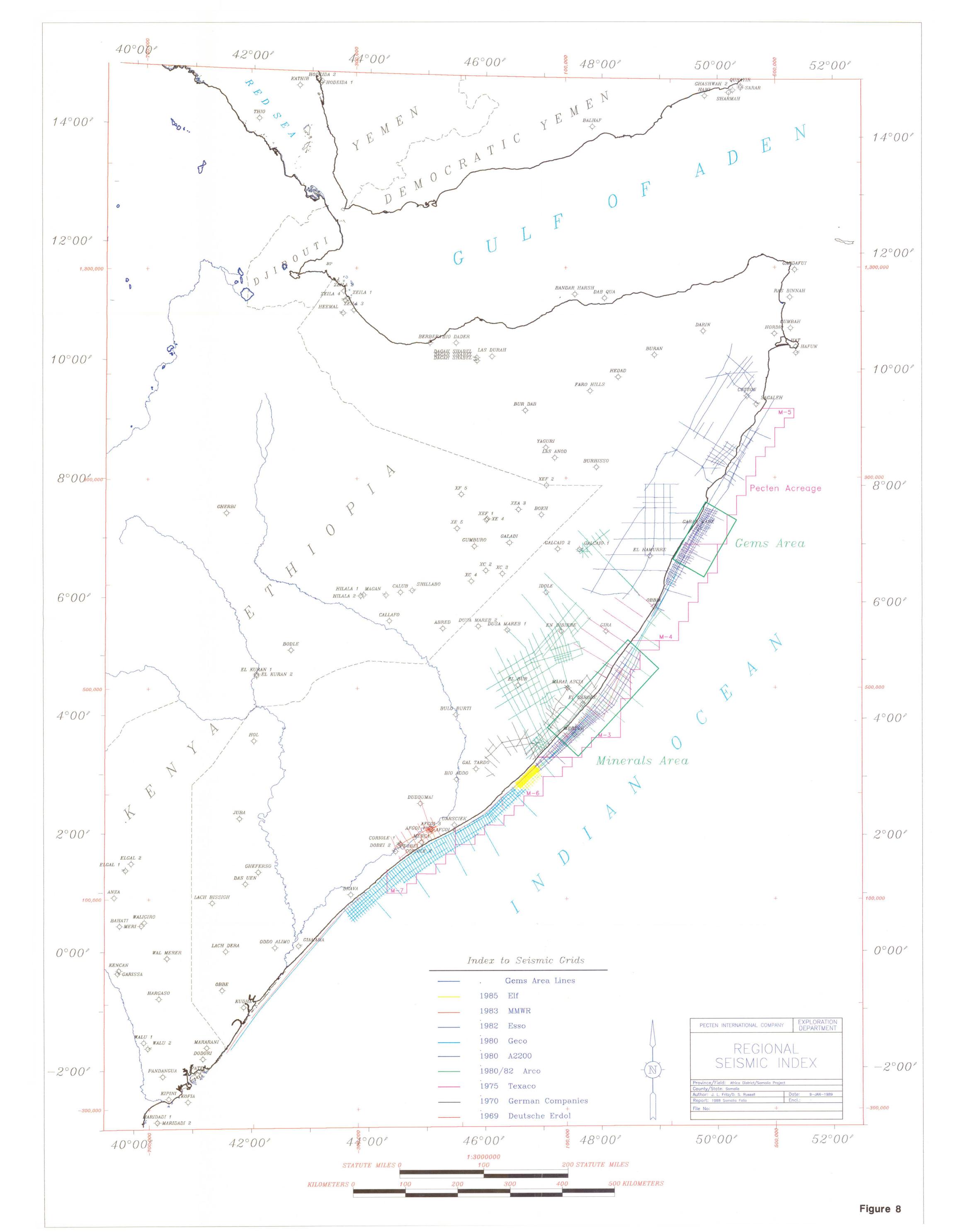
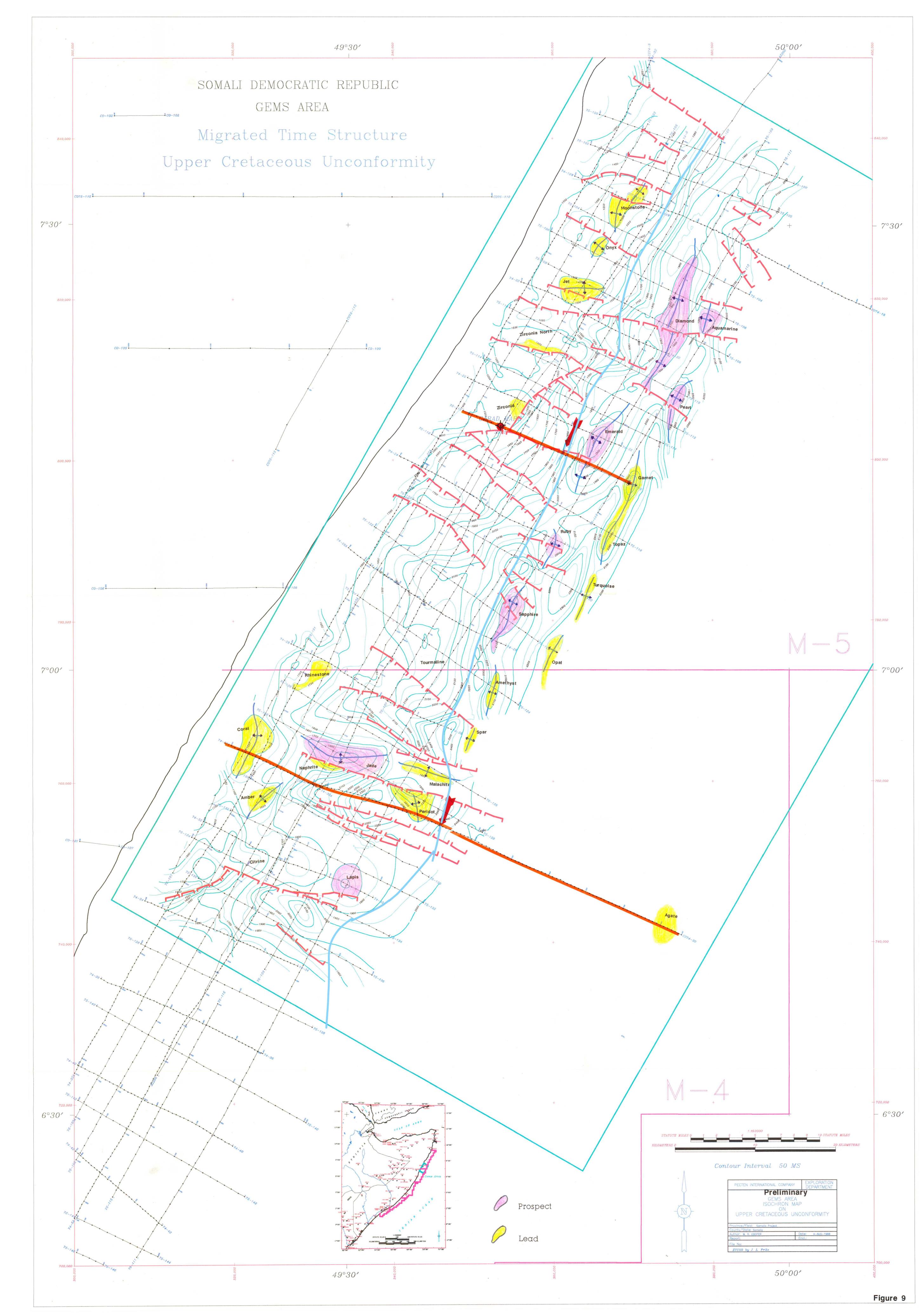
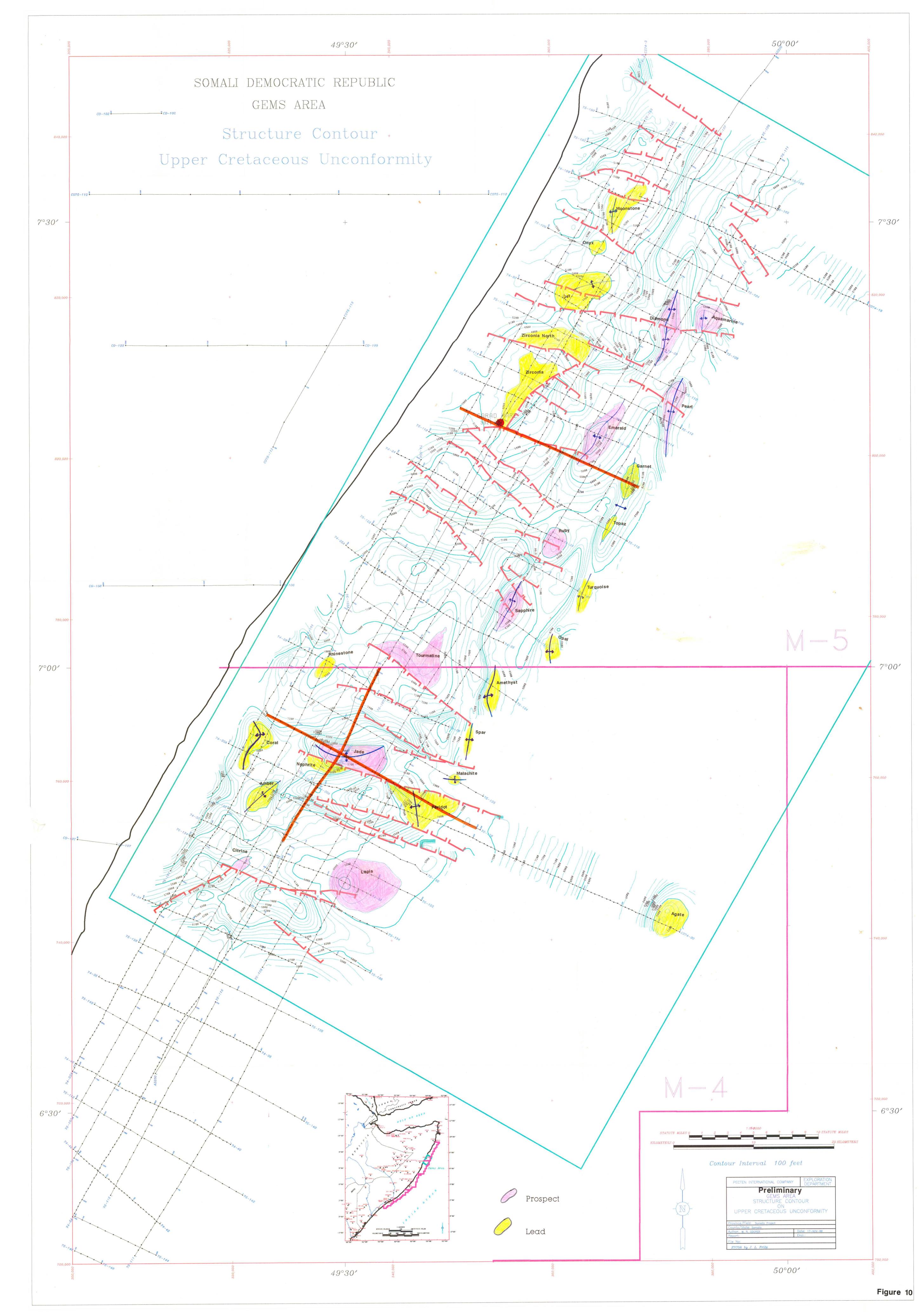
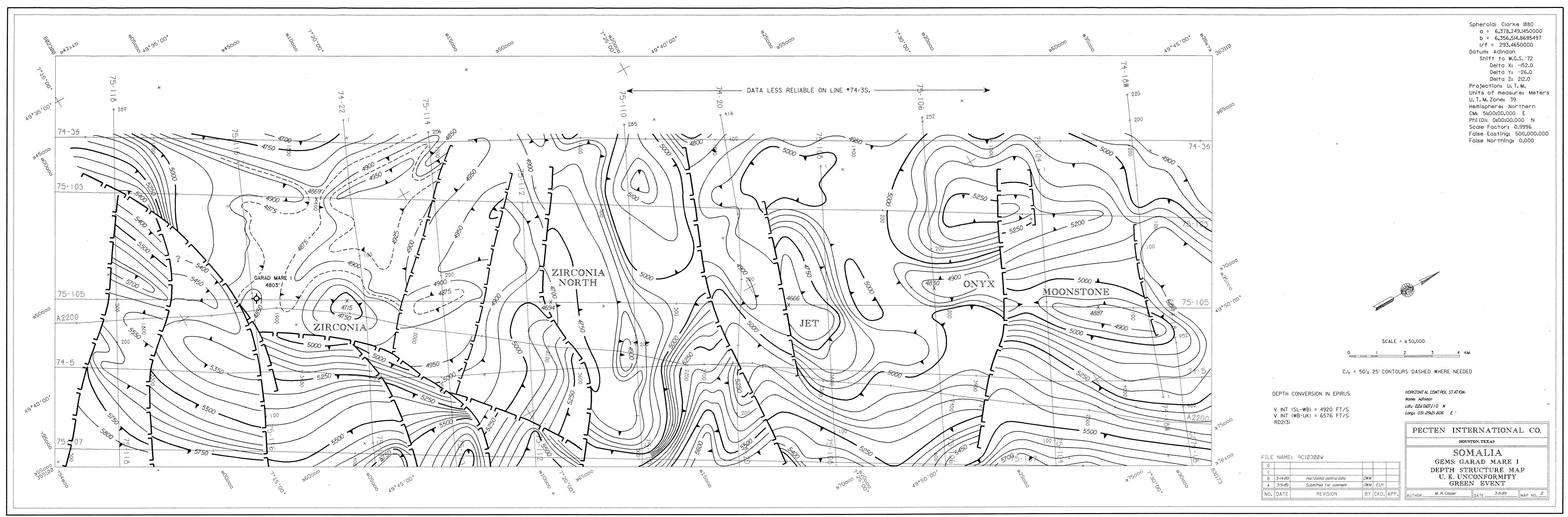


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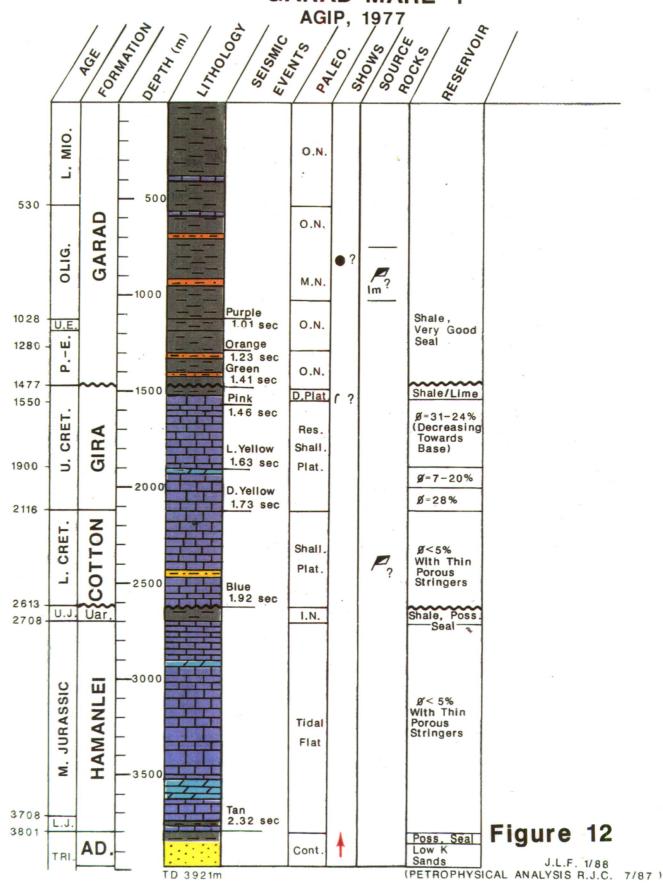






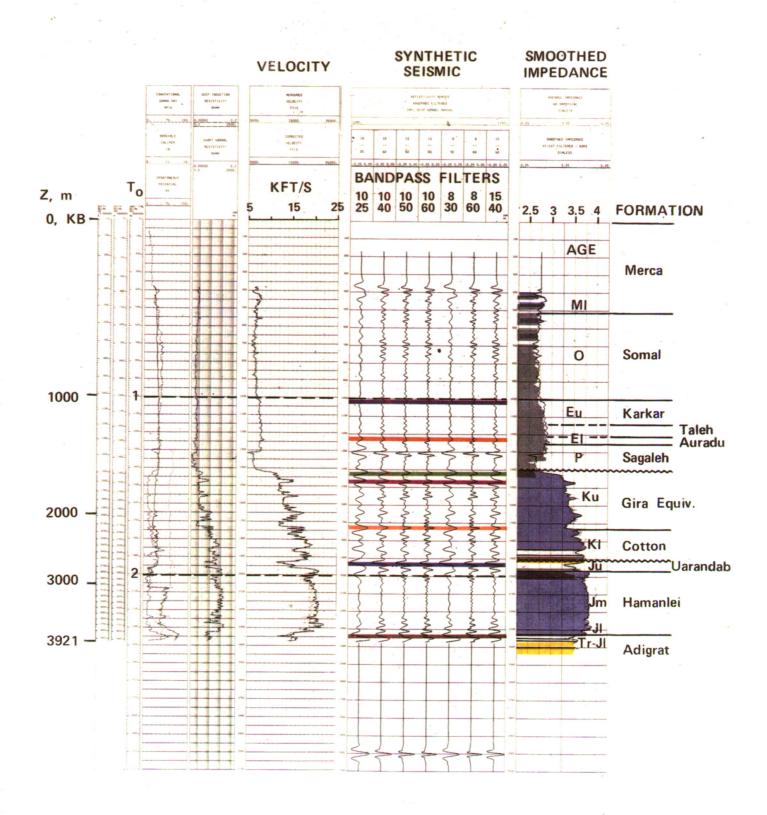
### SOMALIA EMBAYMENT

# GARAD MARE-1



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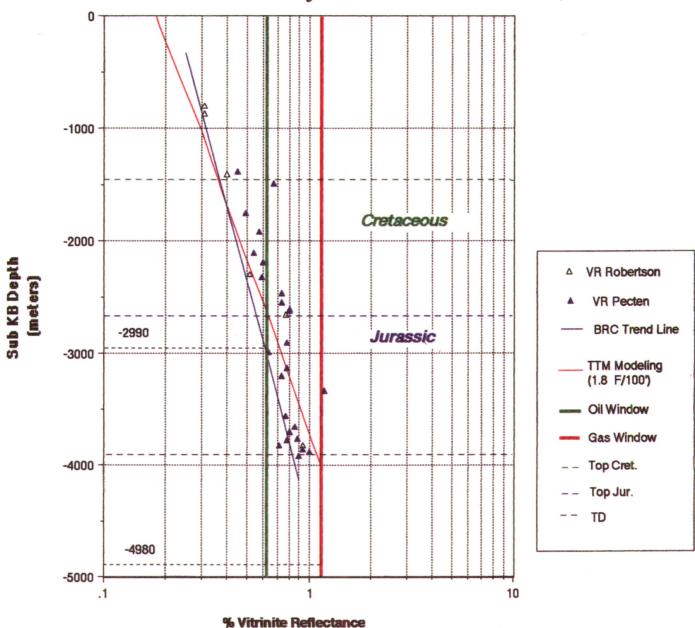
# SOMALI EMBAYMENT GARAD MARE 1



#### Somalia Geochemistry Project - 1989

### Garad Mare (Agip, 1977)

### **VR Maturity Profile**



**Pecten International - Africa District** 

(Data from Robertson Research)

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SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PECTEN SOMALIA COMPANY SEISMIC LINE 75-116 - FLATTENED IN DEPTH OFFSHORE GEMS AREA - BLOCK M-5 SOUTHEAST **NORTHWEST** DATUM: SEA LEVEL PROSPECT EMERALD GARAD MARE AGIP, 1977 TD 3921 M (12865 FT.) SEA LEVEL 0 MIDDLE DIPPER EOCENE -6000 LOWER CHETACEOUS --8000 -10,000 -18,000DATUM: TOP EOCENE (PURPLE EVENT) PROSPECT EMERALD GARAD MARE AGIP, 1977 LTD 3921 M (12865 FT.) SHOTPOINTS 230 200 O DATUM DATUM 0 MIDDLE-UPPER EOCENE -2000 SACE OF THE PARTY OF THE -2000 -4000 -4000 LOWER CRETACEOUS -6000 -8000 -8000 -10,000-12,000 -12,000 -14,000 DATUM: TOP LOWER EOCENE (ORANGE EVENT) PROSPECT EMERALD 0 DATUM DATUM 0 -2000 --2000 -4000 -4000 -6000 -6000 -8000 -8000 -10,000 -10,000 -12,000 -12,000 -14,000 DATUM: TOP UPPER CRETACEOUS
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AUTHOR M.R. COOPER & J.L. FRITZ DATE: 1/89

# SOMALIA CONCESSION AGREEMENT Summary of Terms

Parties: Pecten Somalia Company

Ministry of Mineral and Water Resources

Area:

14,905,000 (60,344 Sq. Km.)

5 offshore blocks M-3 through M-7

Effective Date:

November 1, 1988

Signature Bonus:

\$500,000

Equipment

Purchase:

\$220,000 (deferred)

Exploration Term

Initial period 3 yrs - One Well, 1500 km. seismic

and Minimum Work

\$6.8 MM

and Expenditure
Commitments:

Fourth Contract Year - 1 Well - \$5.5MM Fifth Contract Year - 1 Well - \$5.5MM

Sixth Contract Year - 1 Well - \$5.5MM

Production Term:

25 years

Royalty:

15% Oil

12.5% Gas

Income Tax:

35%

Supplemental

Income Tax:

| RROR  | Tax Rate |
|-------|----------|
| < 15% | 0%       |

15-24% 35% 24-30% 60% > 30% 75%

Annual Rentals:

\$61,350/yr.

**Training** 

\$75,000/yr. (exploration phase)

Commitment

\$250,00/yr. (production)

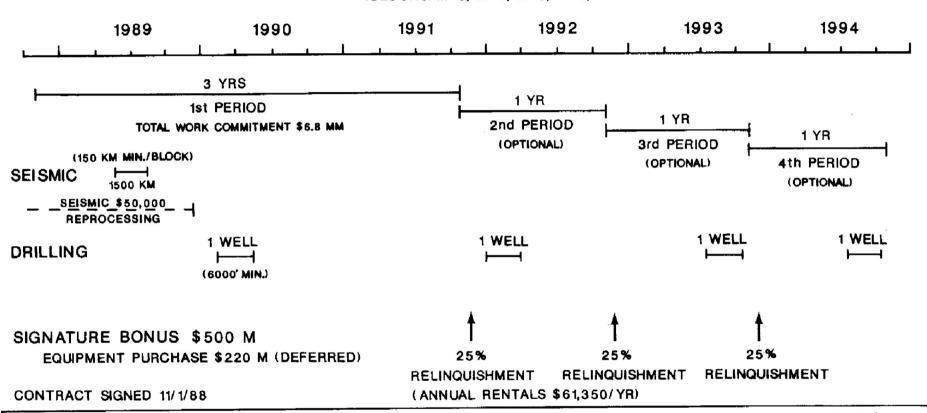
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### SOMALIA

#### **CONTRACT TERMS**

5 OFFSHORE BLOCKS - 14.9 MM ACRES (BLOCKS: M-3, M-4, M-5, M-6, M-7)



|                                                    |                            | SUPPLEMENTAL        | _ TAX *  |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| TRAINING                                           | ROYALTY                    | REAL RATE OF RETURN | TAX RATE |
| EXPLORATION PHASE - \$75,000/YR                    | 15% OIL                    | <15%                | 0        |
| PRODUCTION PHASE - \$250,000/YR                    | 12 1/2 % GAS               | 15- 24%             | 35%      |
|                                                    |                            | 24-30%              | 60%      |
| * SUPPLEMENTAL TAX RATE IN ADDITION TO BASE TAX EQ | UAL TO 35% OF NET PROFITS. | > 30%               | 75%      |