

**GANE-1  
GANE-1A**

**Sedimentology of the GANE-1 and GANE-1A  
cores drilled by grønArctic Energy Inc.,  
Eqalulik, Nuussuaq, West Greenland  
Dam, G.**

# **Sedimentology of the GANE#1 and GANE#1A cores drilled by grønArctic Energy Inc., Kuussuaq, Nuussuaq, West Greenland**

Gregers Dam



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF DENMARK AND GREENLAND  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



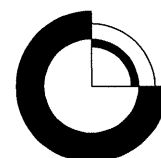
**GEUS**

**Sedimentology of the GANE#1 and GANE#1A cores  
drilled by grønArctic Energy Inc., Kuussuaq,  
Nuussuaq, West Greenland**

Gregers Dam

# **Sedimentology of the GANE#1 and GANE#1A cores drilled by grønArctic Energy Inc., Eqalulik, Nuussuaq, West Greenland**

By Gregers Dam



## CONTENTS

Introduction .....	3
Geological setting .....	3
Palynology and biostratigraphy .....	4
Facies description .....	5
Facies association 1: Mudstone .....	5
Facies association 2: Thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone arranged in coarsening-upward successions .....	6
Facies association 3: Interbedded muddy sandstone and thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone .....	7
Facies association 4: Amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone .....	8
Facies association 5: Chaotic beds .....	9
Facies association 6: Bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone .....	10
Depositional environment .....	11
Hydrocarbon shows .....	13
Core analysis .....	14
Conclusions .....	14
Acknowledgements .....	15
References .....	16
Figures	
Tables	

## Introduction

In May 1995 grønArctic Energy Inc., Canada was awarded an exclusive licence to explore for hydrocarbons on the southern and western part of the Nuussuaq peninsula, West Greenland. As part of the commitments under this licence three slim core holes (GANE#1, GANK#1 and GANT#1) were drilled in July and August 1995.

The GANE#1 well is situated at a number of small lakes at Eqalulik, about 6 km east of the outlet of the large river Kuussuaq at the western end of the Aaffarsuaq valley (Fig. 1). Drilling was carried out by Petro Drilling Company, Ltd., Canada. A wire-line diamond drilling outfit (Longyear Fly-in model 44) was used. The GANE#1 well was drilled to a total depth of 641.29 m. At this depth the drilling rods became stuck and a sidetrack well GANE#1A was kicked-off at 533.4 m. GANE#1A was terminated at a depth of 707 m (Bate, 1995). The sediment core diameter in GANE#1 is 47.6 mm (NQ rods) in the depth interval 495.5 m to 631 m and 36.5 mm from 631 m to 641.29 m and in GANE#1A is 36.5 mm (BQ rods) from 533.4 m to 707 m. A total of 807.40 m of core with a recovery close to 100% was drilled in GANE#1 and GANE#1A, but only 310.85 m of the core were sediments. The remaining part of the core was volcanics. All technical data from the drilling programme and drill site sampling programme are presented in Bate (1996).

The purpose of the GANE#1 well and its auxiliary GANE#1A was to penetrate the Tertiary volcanics exposed at the surface and to intersect the Cretaceous–Paleocene sediments below. The Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) carried out the geological services at the well site which included preparation of a preliminary geological description of the cores and collection of samples (Bate, 1995). This was followed by detailed sedimentological and organic geochemical analyses in Copenhagen. The organic geochemistry of sediments, oils and gases of the wells has been reported by Christiansen *et al.* (1996), and the present report should be read together with this. The palynostratigraphy of the cores will be reported by September 1st, 1997. The aim of the present report is to present a detailed sedimentological analysis of the cores from GANE#1 and GANE#1A.

## Geological setting

The margin of West Greenland was formed by extensional opening of the Labrador Sea in late Mesozoic–early Cenozoic time. A complex of linked basins stretch from the Labrador Sea to northern Baffin Bay (Rolle, 1985; Chalmers, 1991; Chalmers & Pulvertaft, 1993; Chalmers *et al.*,

1993). A conspicuous element of this tectonic framework is the Ungava transform fault system. It is a NE-trending zone of anatomising strike-slip faults which accommodated different amounts of extension and rotational opening of Labrador Sea and Baffin Bay (Fig. 1). At its north-eastern end, much of the strike-slip motion associated with the Ungava fault is dispersed across an array of smaller scale strike-slip faults which encompass Disko Island and Nuussuaq Peninsula. It has been suggested that the Nuussuaq Basin straddling Nuussuaq and northern Disko is a pull-apart basin formed by a wrench couple or releasing bend at the end of the Ungava fault zone (grønArctic, 1996).

The Albian–Danian succession is attributed to a protracted period of left-lateral wrench controlled subsidence (grønArctic, 1996). However, subsidence came to an abrupt end with regional uplift (Dam & Søndersholm, in press), followed by a short period of very rapid subsidence and extrusion of Paleocene hyaloclastites succeeded by flood basalts. The regional uplift has been attributed to either major plate and stress field reorganisation (cf. Roest & Srivastava, 1989; Chalmers *et al.*, 1993; Chalmers & Laursen, 1995) or the arrival of a mantle plume to the base of the lithosphere (cf. Lawver and Müller, 1994).

The GANE#1 well is situated in a volcanic terrain at Eqalulik, along a NW-trending structural complex of the southern margin of Nuussuaq and northern Disko (grønArctic, 1996). The well is probably located along a major fault-controlled Upper Cretaceous–Paleocene slope separating a platform to the east from basinal areas west of Itilli (Dam & Søndersholm, 1994). The closest exposed sediments to the well occur in the Itilli valley c. 10 km towards NW (Dam & Søndersholm, 1994), in the Aaffarsuaq valley c. 10 km towards E, and at Nuuk Killeq c. 10 km towards SE (Fig. 1).

### **Palynology and biostratigraphy**

A palynological screening examination of eight samples from GANE#1 and GANE#1A has been carried out by Henrik Nøhr-Hansen, GEUS. A full palynological examination of the cores will be completed by September 1st, 1997. The eight samples are evenly scattered over the depth interval 503.9–649.4 m (Fig. 2). Twenty-two palynomorphs have been identified suggesting a middle Late Paleocene age of the sediments (upper dinocyst biozone 3 – lower dinocyst biozone 4) (H. Nøhr-Hansen, pers. comm., 1996). Reworked Cretaceous forms are common. In 570 m a belemnite occurs. It is bored and highly worn, suggesting that it is reworked.

## **Facies description**

The sedimentary succession underlying the hyaloclastites in the Eqalulik area was cored in both GANE#1 (496.55–639.86 m) and GANE#1A (535.57–707 m), and a preliminary facies description based on the well site descriptions was presented in the well summary report by Bate (1995). After the cores arrived at GEUS in Copenhagen they were logged at scale 1:50 (Tables 1, 2). Six facies associations have been recognised (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2). These are: 1) mudstone, 2) thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone arranged in coarsening-upward successions, 3) interbedded muddy sandstones and thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, 4) amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, 5) chaotic beds, and 6) bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone.

### **Facies association 1: Mudstone**

*Description.* This facies association is especially common in one interval (GANE#1, 581.55–597 m; GANE#1A, 581.1–597.5 m), that is 15.45–16.4 m thick (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2), but also occurs in thin isolated beds up to 25 cm thick. The facies association consists of dark grey to black, parallel laminated mudstone containing less than 10 % sandstone. The mudstone is hard and brittle and is commonly broken into platelets, 1–2 cm thick, the surfaces of which are very smooth and glasslike. Calcite and ankerite/siderite concretions and thin fractures filled with calcite are common. Interbedded with the mudstone is occasionally very thin (1–2 mm thick) siltstone to fine-grained sandstone laminae. The laminae have a sharp base and are normal graded. Rarely, thicker normal graded fine- to coarse-grained sandstone beds up to 15 cm thick are interbedded with the mudstones. The sandstones have a sharp base and are massive or parallel laminated. TOC of the mudstone ranges from 1.9–2.7% and HI ranges from 65–102 (in a single sample with 188) (Christiansen *et al.*, 1996). All of the samples studied have very low total sulphur (TS) contents (ranges from 0.22–0.26%) (Christiansen *et al.*, 1996). Soft sediment folds occasionally occur in the mudstone.

*Interpretation.* The lamination of the mudstone interval suggests deposition from suspension and the absence of benthic dwelling invertebrates suggests restricted oxygen conditions at the bottom during deposition. However, due to the breaking of the mudstone core into thin platelets, it cannot be



ruled out that the lamination is the result of compaction or a tectonic fabric, or that some of the mudstone was deposited from debris flows or turbidite currents. The interbedded thin siltstone and sandstone streaks were probably deposited from distal low-density turbidite currents. The very low TS values, compared to the TOC values and to TS values in the rest of the cored succession, suggest a fresh to brackish water environment (cf. Berner & Raiswell, 1984). Marine dinoflagellates have, however, been recorded in one sample (H. Nøhr-Hansen, 1996), and a conclusive interpretation of the depositional environment of the mudstone must await a detailed palynofacies analysis.

### **Facies association 2: Thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone arranged in coarsening-upward successions**

*Description.* This association is common in the lower part of both wells (GANE#1, 634.15–639.86 m GANE#1A, 631.7–641.95 m; 649.75–654.3 m), associated with facies association 4 (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2). It consists of sharply based graded laminae and beds of fine- to coarse-grained sandstone, capped by grey parallel laminated mudstone (Facies D of Mutti & Ricci Lucchi, 1972; Facies F of Mutti, 1992). The sandstones are generally less than 5 cm thick, but beds up to 55 cm do occur. The sandstones have sharp bases and show well-developed normal grading. Sorting is good, and small mudstone rip-up clasts frequently occur at the base or throughout the sandstones. Granules occur in some beds. Sedimentary structures include parallel lamination and cross-lamination, but in most of the thicker beds sedimentary structures are absent. Soft-sediment folds, siderite/ankerite concretions and plant debris are occasionally present. In unbroken parts, the mudstones are often arranged in thin graded laminae, less than 1 cm thick. The grading of the mudstones is mainly observed as small obvious colour changes. In most intervals there is a systematic upward increase in thickness of the sandstone laminae and beds; this is associated with an increase in grain-size (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2). The coarsening-upward successions are 4–6 m thick.

*Interpretation.* The thinly interbedded sandstones and mudstones are interpreted as deposits of traction and fall-out processes associated with various stages of sedimentation from waning low-density currents. The presence of sharp, flat based, normally graded, massive sandstones suggests deposition from sand-rich turbulent flows ( $S_3$  of Lowe (1982)). The upward coarsening and thickening of sandstone laminae and beds is interpreted as representing shallowing-upward cycles with distal turbidite laminae/beds overlain by more proximal turbidite beds.

### **Facies association 3: Interbedded muddy sandstone and thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone**

*Description.* This association occurs in two intervals (GANE#1, 609.55–620.05 m; GANE#1A, 609.55–620.15 m) and consists of massive muddy sandstone interbedded with thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone. The thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone is very similar to that of Facies association 2. It consists of sharply based graded laminae and beds of fine- to coarse-grained sandstone, capped by grey parallel laminated mudstone (Facies D of Mutti & Ricci Lucchi, 1972; Facies F of Mutti, 1992). The sandstones are generally less than 4 cm thick, but beds up to 60 cm do occur. The laminae and beds have sharp bases and show well-developed normal grading. Sorting is good, and small mudstone rip-up clasts frequently occur at the base or throughout the laminae and beds. Granules occur in some beds. Sedimentary structures include parallel lamination and cross-lamination, but in most of the thicker beds sedimentary structures are absent. Soft-sediment folds and finely disseminated plant debris are occasionally present.

The massive muddy sandstones are medium- to coarse-grained with a finely dispersed mud matrix fraction. The percentage of the mud fraction has not been calculated, but is probably in the range 10–20%. The sandstones are poorly sorted. The thickness of the beds ranges from 5 cm to 1.2 m and both the basal and upper contacts are sharp and planar. Grading is usually absent. Rounded to subrounded mudstone clasts, plant debris and small basement pebbles are common. The size of the mudstone clasts varies from few millimetres to several centimetres. They are floating in the matrix or in some cases concentrated towards the top of the beds. Occasionally mudstone clasts are aligned parallel to bedding planes producing a platy fabric. The massive beds generally occur isolated within the thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone.

*Interpretation.* The thinly interbedded sandstones and mudstones are interpreted as deposits of traction and fall-out processes associated with various stages of sedimentation from waning low-density currents on the slope. The presence of normally graded, massive sandstones with sharp flat bases suggests deposition from sand-rich turbulent flows ( $S_3$  of Lowe (1982)). The massive muddy sandstones are interpreted as the deposits of sandy debris flows and not of high-density turbidite currents because of the sharp upper boundary of the beds, the finely dispersed mud within the sandstones and the generally lack of normal grading in the sandstone fraction (cf. Shanmugan &

Moiola, 1995). The isolated beds of debris flow deposits suggest that they formed as the result of localised sediment failure on the slope in a interdistributary area.

#### **Facies association 4: Amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone**

*Description.* This association consists of amalgamated sandstone beds, grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, and is the most common facies association of GANE#1 (545.6–548.45 m; 550.25–553.2 m; 554.75–563.95 m; 568.45–581.55 m; 602.8–609.55 m; 620.05–630.95 m) and GANE#1A (544.8–548.6 m; 549.5–552.45 m; 554.75–563.45 m; 569.35–581.05 m; 602.5–609.55 m; 620.15–631.7 m; 642.0–649.75 m; 655.05–677.75 m; 683.0–706.7 m). The association forms sharply based fining-upward units, up to 17 m thick. Internally the sandstone units are dominated by amalgamated, normally graded, coarse- to very coarse-grained sandstone beds (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2). The beds are 0.1–5.8 m thick and have erosional bases. The beds generally show an overall thinning-upward trend and grade into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone. Rounded basement pebbles, up to 2 cm across, and angular mudstone rip-up clasts, up to 6 cm across, frequently occur. The graded sandstone beds have a predominantly massive appearance, often with floating mudstone rip-up clasts and plant debris. In some cases the uppermost part of the graded sandstone beds are internally stratified, showing parallel-lamination or cross-lamination. In two beds indistinct cross-bedding occur. Dish structures are occasionally present in the massive sandstones. The sandstones are occasionally burrowed with *Planolites* isp., and escape burrows are present in a few beds. *Helminthopsis horizontalis* has been recorded in one bed.

The amalgamated sandstone beds grade upward into thinly bedded sandstone and mudstone, showing an overall upward thinning and fining of the sandstone beds and laminae. Apart from the upward thinning and a fining of the sandstones, these deposits are similar to facies association 2.

*Interpretation.* Analogous fining-upward turbidite deposits have been observed in various turbidite basins and are characteristic of channel facies (e.g. facies A and B of Mutti & Ricci Lucchi, 1978; Surlyk & Hurst, 1984; Shanmugan & Moiola, 1985, 1991) and have also been described from outcrops of turbidite slope channels in the Nuussuaq Basin (Dam & S nderholm, 1994). The sharp, scoured surface marking the lower boundary of each graded bed is evidence of erosion of the underlying sediment surface before deposition. This probably continued until peak discharge was

reached and deposition of the massive sandstone with floating intraclasts took place. The massive sandstone with floating intraclasts is attributed to rapid suspension deposition from a sandy, high-density turbidity current ( $S_3$  of Lowe (1982)). In some beds deposition from high-density turbidite currents was followed by deposition of well-developed parallel-laminated, cross-bedded and cross-laminated sandstones, attributed to a late stage, low-density turbidite current. The overall upward thinning of beds and transition into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone is attributed either to lateral shift of turbidite channels or channel abandonment.

Two scales of channel successions are recognised in GANE#1 and GANE#1A. In the lower part of GANE#1A a succession of thickly bedded coarse- to very coarse-grained sandstones, c. 17 m thick, was drilled (Fig. 2). Drilling was terminated before this succession was penetrated, but the grain-size and facies of the cored succession is very similar to the turbidite slope channels described in the Itilli valley area by Dam & S nderholm (1994). These channel successions are up to 50 m deep and 1–2 km wide and are interpreted as major feeder channels on a fault-controlled slope. Similar channel facies have also been observed in the Aaffarsuaq valley during the GGU 1992 field season. The remaining channel successions in the two wells are 3–8 m thick, more heterolithic and thinner bedded (Fig. 2). Similar channels were also observed in the Aaffarsuaq valley during the GGU 1992 field season. The Aaffarsuaq channels are 4–20 m deep and probably no more than a few tens of metres wide. The channel fills are heterolithic and the sandstones are generally laminated and thinly bedded. These channel successions are interpreted as smaller distributary channels on the slope.

### **Facies association 5: Chaotic beds**

*Description.* This association is characteristic of the upper part of the sedimentary section of both cores (GANE#1, 496.55–518.25 m, 527.8–545.6 m, 548.45–550.25 m, 553.2–554.75 m, 563.9–569.05 m, 597.0–602.8 m; GANE#1A, 535.55–544.9 m, 548.55–549.5 m, 552.45–554.75 m, 563.45–569.35 m, 597.7–602.5 m), and the first occurrence is associated with the first occurrence of volcanic clasts. The facies association consists of homogenised mudstones with evenly scattered sand grains, granules, volcanic clasts and concretions, interbedded with massive muddy sandstones and slumped mudstones. Occasionally turbidite sandstones occur. The sediments are in some cases bioturbated with *Planolites* isp.

The homogenised mudstones are dark grey to black and occur in beds up to 3 m thick. The mudstones are hard and brittle and are commonly broken into irregular platelets, 1–2 cm thick, of which the surfaces are very smooth and glasslike. Fine- to coarse-grained sand grains, granules, volcanic clasts and concretions are either evenly scattered or occur in thin stringers in the mudstones. A faint parallel lamination occurs in some cases. Occasionally slump folds occur in the mudstones.

The massive muddy sandstones are similar to those of Facies association 4. They are medium- to coarse-grained with a finely dispersed mud fraction, and rounded to subrounded mudstone clasts, plant debris, small basement pebbles and hyaloclastite clasts are common. The hyaloclastite clasts are up to 5 cm across. The size of the mudstone clasts are from few millimetres to several centimetres. They are floating in the matrix or in some cases concentrated towards the top of the beds. In some cases the platy mudstone clasts are aligned parallel to bedding planes producing platy fabric. The massive beds generally occur isolated within the thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone (Tables 1, 2). The mud fraction has not been calculated, but probably ranges from 10 to 50%. The sandstones are poorly sorted. The thickness of the beds ranges from 5 cm to 50 cm and both the basal and upper contacts are sharp and planar. Grading is usually absent.

*Interpretation.* These sediments are interpreted as formed by downslope displacement of semi-consolidated sediments. The homogenised mudstones and massive muddy sandstones were probably deposited from debris flows, whereas the contorted mudstones were deposited from slumps. The merging between the introduction of hyaloclastite clasts and this facies association suggests that these major sediment failures were caused by regional and local tectonic activity as well as loading of the hyaloclastites, connected with the initiation of volcanic activity in the region.

#### **Facies association 6: Bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone**

*Description.* This facies association is present in one interval in GANE#1 (518.25–527.8 m) (Fig. 2, Table 1). It consists of moderately to heavily bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone. The only identifiable trace fossil is *Planolites* isp. The thinly interbedded mudstone and sandstone association is very similar to that of Facies association 2. It consists of sharply based graded laminae and beds of fine- to medium-grained sandstone up to 30 cm thick, capped by grey parallel laminated mudstone. The laminae and beds have sharp bases and show well-developed

normal grading. Sorting is good, and small mudstone rip-up clasts frequently occur. Granules may occur in some beds. Sedimentary structures include parallel lamination and cross-lamination.

*Interpretation.* *Planolites* isp. was probably produced by infaunal organisms combining the activities of deposit-feeding and locomotion, thus producing endostratal pascichnia burrows. The dominance of these burrows suggests that the interstitial environment must have been characterised by at least some oxygen to allow respiration. The high degree of bioturbation of the sediment indicates relatively slow sedimentation, little physical reworking and abundant food supplies. The thinly interbedded sandstones and mudstones are interpreted as deposits of traction and fall-out processes associated with various stages of sedimentation from waning low-density currents.

### **Depositional environment**

During the Early Paleocene the Eqaulluk area was characterised by deposition in a marine turbidite system. However, geochemical data indicate a large input of terrestrial material (Christiansen, 1996). Depositional processes were dominated by low- and high-density turbidity currents, debris flows, slumps and fall-out from suspension. The facies can be grouped in different facies associations in a vertical arrangement that reflects a number of different morphological subenvironments on the slope. These subenvironments not only reflect morphological elements, but also the initiation of volcanism in the area.

The greater part of the succession consists of thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone which is characteristic in four of the facies associations (Facies association 2, 3, 4 and 5). In Facies association 2 the thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone occurs in coarsening-upward successions, 4–6 m thick, which are interpreted as shallowing-upward successions. The coarsening-upward successions are either overlain by a new coarsening-upward succession, or by amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone (Facies association 4). These deposits have been interpreted as small distributary channels on the slope, suggesting that the coarsening-upward successions formed by progradation of small sandy lobes in front of the distributary channels (cf. Stow, 1985).

Two types of turbidite channel successions occur in the wells. In the lower part of GANE#1A a thick succession of amalgamated thickly bedded coarse- to very coarse-grained sandstone was drilled, without being penetrated before drilling was terminated. Grainsize and facies of the cored

succession are very similar to the turbidite slope channels described in the Itilli valley area by Dam & S nderholm (1994), and the basal succession in GANE#1A is interpreted as a major feeder channel on the slope. Similar channel facies have also been observed in the Aaffarsuaq valley during the GGU 1992 field season. Based on preliminary palynological dating, the coarse-grained channel succession is coincident with the major incised valley system of the Quikavsak Member along the south side of Nuussuaq peninsula. If this assumption is correct, the Quikavsak valley system may have sourced this turbidite feeder channel and a major unconformity may be present just underneath this channel sandstone. However, a better dating of the succession and further drilling is necessary to confirm this hypothesis.

The remaining channel successions in the two cores are 3–8 m thick, more heterolithic and thinner bedded. Similar channel successions were observed in the Aaffarsuaq valley during the GGU 1992 field season. In the Aaffarsuaq valley these channels are characterised by complex channelling; the channels cut into each other and are filled with amalgamated sandstone and interbedded sandstone and mudstone of the same type as those outside the channels. The Aaffarsuaq channels are 4–20 m deep and probably no more than a few tens of metres wide. These channel successions are interpreted as smaller distributary channels on the slope.

The first visible occurrence of volcanic clasts is at c. 601 m in both wells. They are associated with debris flow deposits, suggesting a destabilisation of the slope sediments. This debris flow succession is succeeded by a relatively thick succession of mudstones (Facies association 1). If not taking the total sulphur content into account, this mudstone would probably be interpreted as deposited in the lobe fringe area, and the mudstone could reflect a tectonically controlled relative sea-level rise. However, the very low total sulphur content, both compared to the rest of sedimentary succession and to the total organic content of the mudstone, suggests a fresh to brackish water depositional environment of the mudstone. This part of the basin may therefore have been sealed off from the marine part of the basin by a broad subaerial volcanic terrain during the initiation of volcanism in the area. A similar development has been described further east in the basin, where a large and deep lake, the Naajaat lake, was formed contemporaneously with the volcanic eruptions and was cut off from marine transgressions by a broad volcanic terrain (Pedersen *et al.*, in press). This lake developed in Mid-Paleocene (NP6–NP7) and is slightly younger than the mudstone in GANE#1 and GANE#1A (NP3–NP4).

The succession above the mudstone is still characterised by thin distributary channel deposits, but higher up chaotic beds become the dominant facies association (Facies association 5). These sediments are interpreted as formed by downslope displacement of semi-consolidated sediments. The homogenised mudstones and massive muddy sandstones were probably deposited from debris flows, whereas the contorted mudstones were deposited from slumps. This association does not occur below the first occurrence of hyaloclastite clasts and suggests that the morphological reorganisation and the major sediment failures were caused by regional and local tectonic activity as well as loading of the hyaloclastites, related to the initiation of volcanic activity in the region.

In the upper part of the sedimentary succession a single bioturbated thinly interbedded mudstone and sandstone interval occurs. The large degree of bioturbation in this part of the succession is generally not characteristic of ancient examples of turbidite systems. However, on the north coast of Nuussuaq, very thick successions of thinly interbedded turbidite sandstone and mudstone also show a very high degree of bioturbation with *Planolites* isp. (Dam & Nøhr-Hansen, 1995). This association indicates relatively slow sedimentation, little physical reworking, and abundant food supplies in an environment that was well-aerated.

A very good correlation occurs between GANE#1 and GANE#1A, where a bed by bed correlation is possible. A correlation based on lithology with GANK#1, situated c. 6 km east of the GANE#1 well, has not, however, been possible. The sedimentary succession cored in GANK#1 is c. 285 m thick and dominated by chaotic beds (Dam, 1996). No turbidite channel deposits occur in this well. Volcanic clasts occur throughout the cored succession in GANK#1, suggesting that the base of the GANK#1 is no older than the level with the first occurrence of volcanic clasts in GANE#1. A palynological screening examination suggests a Paleocene age of the GANK#1 sediments, probably the same age as GANE#1 (H. Nøhr-Hansen, pers. comm., 1996).

### **Hydrocarbon shows**

During drilling bleeding oil and impregnation with oil were observed at several levels in the hyaloclastite cover (Bate, 1995). Moreover, sweet gas bubbled from the wellhead when penetrating the 631 m and 633–638 m intervals, and gas-contaminated cement occurred at 641 m in GANE#1 (Fig. 2). In GANE#1A a gas kick occurred in 684–689 m, with wet gas and possibly condensate escaping from the flare-line, and gas bubbled from the core at 696.5–702 m (Fig. 2). During relogging of the core in Copenhagen oil impregnation was also discovered in sediments in the



interval from 635–650 m. It occurs in both the turbidite sandstone laminae and beds up to 55 cm thick, and dispersed in the interbedded mudstone of Facies association 2 (Fig. 2, Tables 1, 2). The organic geochemistry of the sediments, oils and gases is presented in Christiansen *et al.* (1996). During a recent conventional core analysis, oil was also discovered in three plugs in the amalgamated sandstones at the base of GANE#1A (686.1–704.1 m) showing oil saturation between 11 and 18% (Høier & Springer, 1996) (Fig. 2). The organic geochemistry of these oils is currently being investigated, but the preliminary results suggest an oil not previously recorded in the basin (F. G. Christiansen, pers. comm. 1996).

### Core analysis

Thirty-one plugs with a diameter of 25 mm were taken for conventional core analysis. Porosity, grain density and gas permeability were measured on all the plugs (Høier & Springer, 1996). The porosity of the lower amalgamated sandstones in GANE#1A is fair and in the 7–15% range (average 10.5 %), whereas in the sandstones in the rest of the succession it is generally poor (range 0.3–12.4%, average 5.9%). The permeability of the lower amalgamated sandstones ranges from 0.02 md to 1.87 md (average 0.56 md). Even poorer reservoir properties characterise the remaining part of the sandstones in the succession. These show very low permeabilities ranging between 0.001 md and 0.27 md (average 0.06 md). A more detailed core analysis and diagenetic study of GANE#1 and GANE#1A is currently undertaken at GEUS.

### Conclusions

Based on the sedimentological analyses of the GANE#1 and GANE#1A cores, the following main conclusions can be drawn.

- A bed by bed correlation between the GANE#1 and GANE#1A is possible, but a lithostratigraphic correlation between GANE#1 and GANK#1 has not been possible.
- A palynological screening examination suggests a middle Late Paleocene age and marine depositional environment for the sedimentary succession cored in GANE#1 and GANE#1A (upper dinocyst biozone 3 – lower dinocyst biozone 4; H. Nøhr-Hansen, pers. comm., 1996).

- The cored sediments can be divided into 6 facies associations: 1) mudstone, 2) thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, 3) interbedded muddy sandstones and thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, 4) amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone, 5) chaotic beds, 6) bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone. The facies associations indicate that deposition took place in a marine slope environment, however, the organic geochemistry of the mudstones suggests a large terrestrial input. The depositional processes were dominated by low- and high-density turbidite currents, debris flow, slumps and fall-out from suspension. Deposition took place in major turbidite feeder channels, small distributary feeder channels, turbidite lobes, and unstable interdistributary areas characterised by retrogradational slumping. The facies associations not only reflect the morphological elements on the slope, but also major changes due to the initiation of volcanism in the area, which at least during one time interval probably created a land barrier that sealed off this part of the basin.
- During relogging of the sediments oil impregnation of the sediments was discovered in two intervals. The organic geochemistry of the oils is described by Christiansen *et al.* (1996).
- A conventional core analysis indicates that the turbidite feeder channel sandstones have a fair porosity, ranging between 7 and 15%, but poor permeabilities, ranging between 0.02 and 1.87 md. Other sandstone facies show even worse reservoir properties, with porosities ranging between 0.3 and 12.4 % and permeabilities ranging between 0.001 and 0.27 md.

### **Acknowledgements**

Funding of the project was provided from the Greenland Home Rule Administration and the Danish State through the Government of Greenland Minerals Office and the Mineral Resources Administration for Greenland. Flemming G. Christiansen and Chris Pulvertaft are thanked for discussions and comments on an earlier version of the report. Henrik Nøhr-Hansen is thanked for placing his preliminary palynological data at my disposal. Jette Halvskov helped with the technical preparation of the report.

## References

- Bate, K. J. 1995: Well summary GANE#1 and GANE#1A grønArctic Nuussuaq Eqalulik West Greenland. Confidential Report prepared for grønArctic Energy Inc., Calgary, Alberta, Canada by *Danmarks og Grønlands Geologiske Undersøgelse Rapport*, 25 pp. plus figures and appendices.
- Berner, R. A. & Raiswell, R. 1984: C/S method for distinguishing freshwater from marine sedimentary rocks. *Nature* **12**, 365–368.
- Christiansen, F. G., Bojesen-Kofoed, J., Nytoft, H.-P. & Laier, T. 1996: Organic geochemistry of sediments, oils and gases in the GANE#1, GANT#1 and GANK# 1 wells, Nuussuaq, West Greenland. Confidential Report prepared for grønArctic Energy Inc., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. *Danmarks og Grønlands Geologiske Undersøgelse Rapport* **1996/23**, 35 pp. plus tables and figures.
- Chalmers, J. A. 1991: New evidence on the structure of the Labrador Sea/Greenland continental margin. *Journal of Geological Society, London* **148**, 899–908.
- Chalmers, J. A. & Laursen, K. H. 1995: Labrador Sea: the extent of continental and oceanic crust and the timing of the onset of seafloor spreading. *Marine and Petroleum Geology* **12**, 205–217.
- Chalmers, J. A. & Pulvertaft, T. C. R. 1993: The southern West Greenland continental shelf – was petroleum exploration abandoned prematurely ? In Vorren, T. O. *et al.* (ed.) *Arctic geology and petroleum potential*, 55–66. Amsterdam: Elsevier for Norwegian Petroleum Society.
- Chalmers, J. A., Pulvertaft, T. C. R., Christiansen, F. G., Larsen, H. C., Laursen, K. & Ottesen, T. G. 1993: The southern West Greenland continental margin: rifting history, basin development, and petroleum potential. In Parker, J. R. (ed.) *Petroleum Geology of Northwest Europe. Proceedings of the 4th Conference*, 915–931. The Geological Society, London.
- Dam, G. 1996: Sedimentology of the GANK#1 cores drilled by grønArctic Energy Inc., Kuussuaq, Nuussuaq, West Greenland. *Danmarks og Grønlands Geologiske Undersøgelse Rapport* **1996/83**.

- Dam, G. & Nøhr-Hansen, H. 1995: Sedimentology and stratigraphy of the sediments from cores drilled by Falconbridge Ltd. in 1994 at Serfat, northern Nuussuaq, West Greenland. *Open File Series Grønlands Geologiske Undersøgelse* **95/8**, 16 pp., 2 figures.
- Dam, G. & Søndersholm, M. 1994: Lowstand slope channels of the Itilli succession (Maastrichtian – Lower Paleocene), Nuussuaq, West Greenland. *Sedimentary Geology* **94**, 49–71.
- Dam, G. & Søndersholm, M. in press: Sedimentological evolution of a fault-controlled incised valley system, Lower Paleocene Quikavsak Member, Nuussuaq, West Greenland. In Shanley, K. W. & McCabe, P. J. (ed.) Relative role of eustasy, climate, and tectonism in continental rocks. *SEPM Special Publications*.
- grønArctic 1996: Corporate profile. 20 pp.
- Høier, C. & Springer, N. 1996: Well: GANE#1, GGU no. 439001. Conventional core analysis. Internal report, April 2, 1996. 21 pp.
- Lawver, L. A. & Müller, R. D. 1994: Iceland hotspot track. *Geology* **22**, 311–314.
- Lowe, D. R. 1982: Sediment Gravity Flows: II. Depositional models with special reference to the deposits of high-density turbidity currents. *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology* **52**, 279–297.
- Mutti, E. 1992: Turbidite sandstones. Agip and Istituto di Geologia, University of Parma, 275 pp.
- Mutti, E. & Ricci Lucchi, F. 1972: Turbidites of the northern Apennines: introduction to facies analysis. (English translation by Nilsen, T. H. 1978). *International Geology Review* **20**, 125–166.
- Pedersen, G. K., Larsen, L. M., Pedersen, A. K. & Hjortkjær, B. F. in press: Syn-volcanic lacustrine deposits in the Paleocene of West Greenland: The Naajaat Lake. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*.
- Roest, W. R. & Srivastava 1989: Sea-floor spreading in the Labrador Sea: a new reconstruction. *Geology* **17**, 1000–1003.
- Rolle, F. 1985: Late Cretaceous – Tertiary sediments offshore central West Greenland: lithostratigraphy, sedimentary evolution, and petroleum potential. *Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences* **22**, 1001–1019.
- Shanmugan, G. & Moiola, R. J. 1995: Reinterpretation of depositional processes in a classic flysch sequence (Pennsylvanian Jackford Group), Ouachita Mountains, Arkansas and Oklahoma. *Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists* **79**, 672–695.

- Stow, D. A. V. 1985: Deep-sea clastics: where are we and where are we going. *In* Brenchley, P. J. & Williams, B. P. J. (ed.) *Sedimentology: Recent Developments and Applied Aspects. Geological Society of London Special Publication* **18**, 67–93.
- Surlyk, F. & Hurst, 1984: The evolution of the Early Paleozoic deep-water basin of North Greenland. *Geological Society of America Bulletin* **95**, 131–154.

## Figures

Fig. 1. Geological map of central West Greenland showing location of the GANE#1 well and other wells in the area. Based on maps from the Geological Survey of Greenland.

Fig. 2. Generalised logs from the two cores that penetrate the sedimentary succession underneath the volcanic cover.

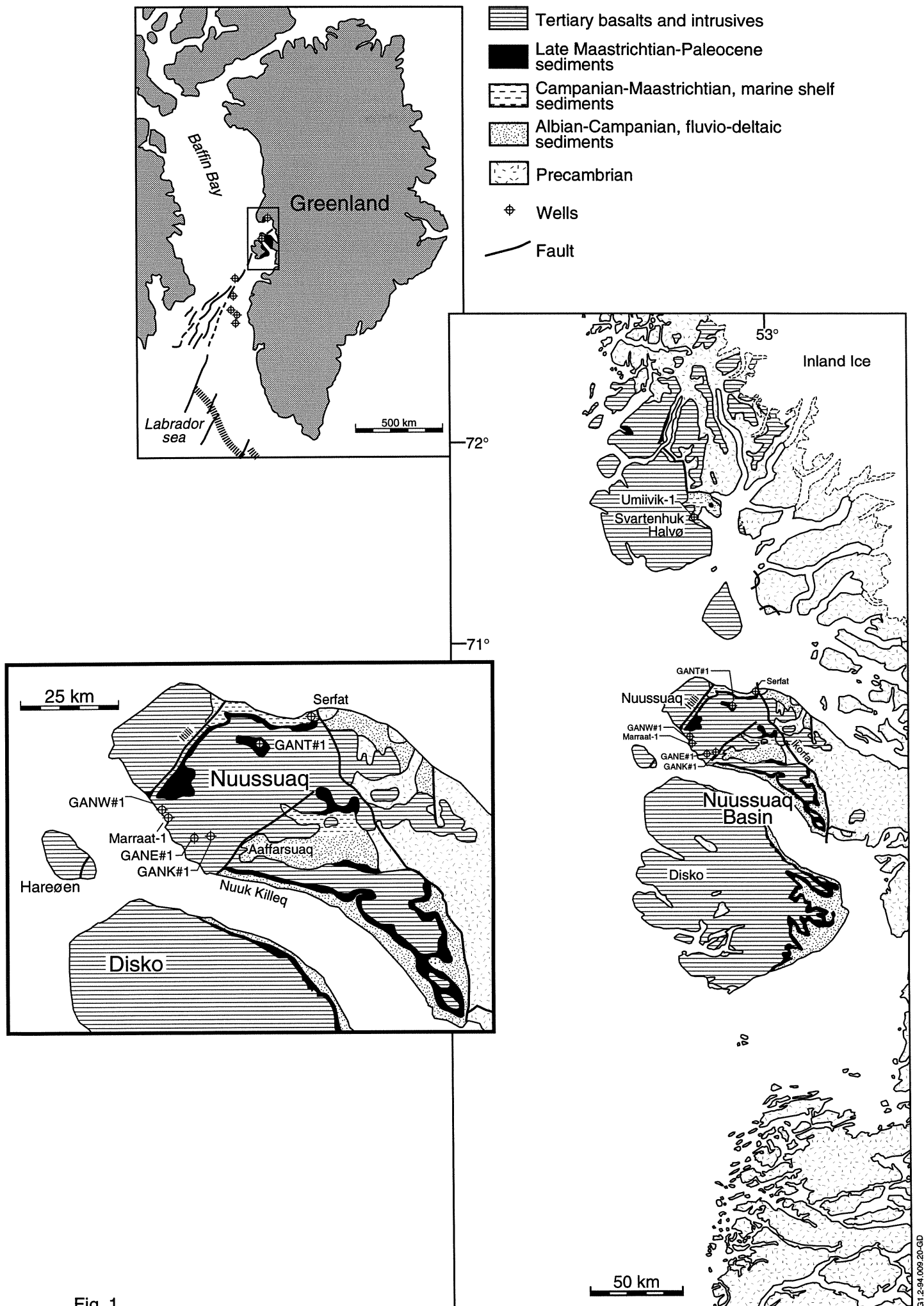


Fig. 1

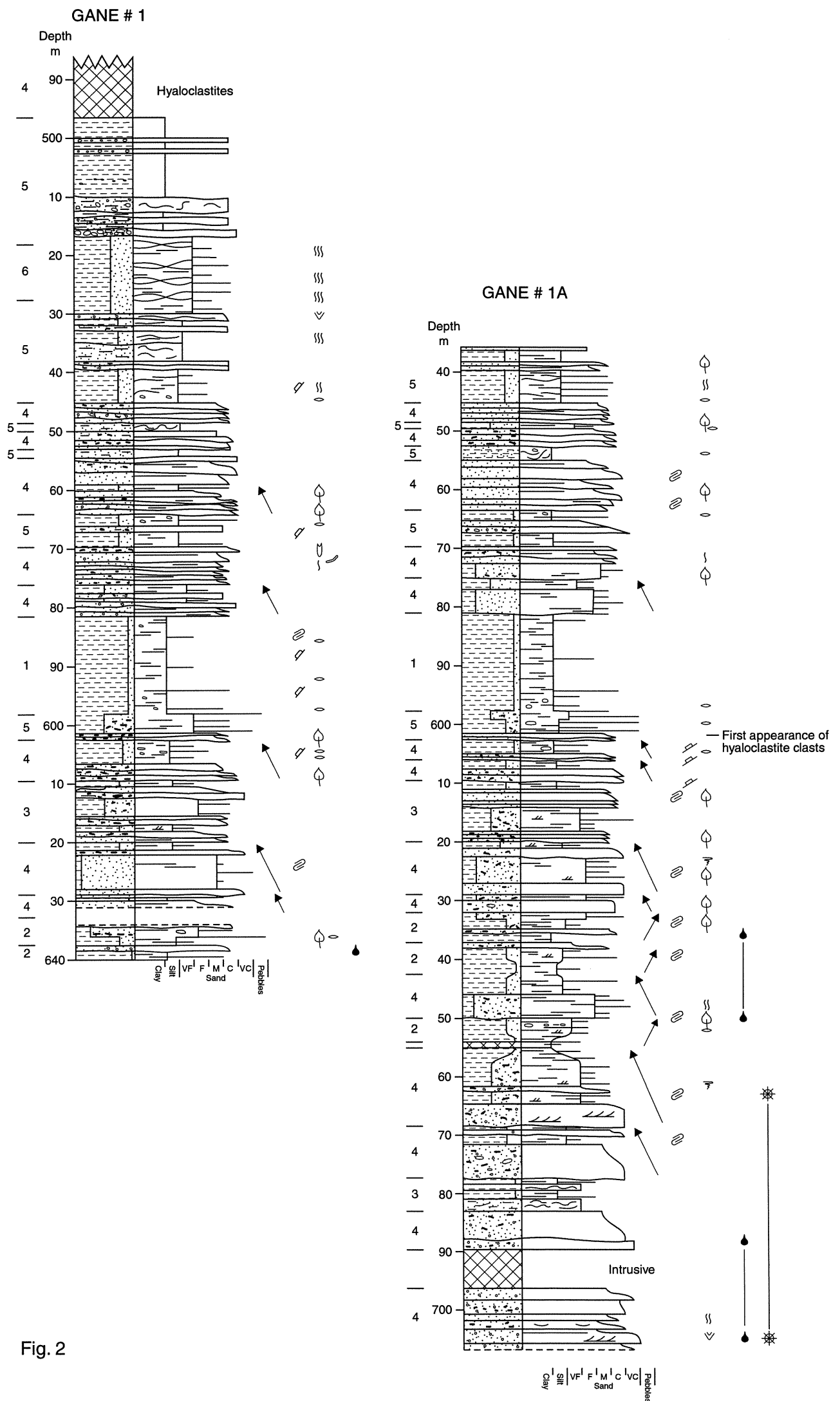






















Fig. 2



## LEGEND

### Facies associations

- 1 Mudstone
  - 2 Thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone arranged in coarsening-upward successions
  - 3 Interbedded muddy sandstones and thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone
  - 4 Amalgamated sandstone grading upward into thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone
  - 5 Chaotic beds
  - 6 Bioturbated thinly interbedded sandstone and mudstone
- 
- |   |  |
|---|--|
|    | Volcanic sills and hyaloclastites          |
|    | Clay and siltstone                         |
|    | Sandstone with pebbles and mudstone clasts |
|    | Parallel lamination                        |
|   | Disturbed bedding                          |
|  | Cross-lamination                           |
|  | Bioturbation                               |
|  | Concretions                                |
|  | Plant and wood fragments                   |
|  | Belemnite                                  |
|  | Weakly bioturbated                         |
|  | Moderately bioturbated                     |
|  | Heavily bioturbated                        |
|  | <i>Planolites</i> isp.                     |
|  | Psygmatic folds                            |
|  | Fractures                                  |
|  | Oil  |
|  | Gas  |
|  | CU-succession                              |
|  | FU-succession                              |

**Table 1**

Table 1. Detailed log of the sedimentary succession in the GANE#1 core.

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY:

70°28'15"N  
54°00'40"W  
114 MELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO:

439001  
GANE #1

BOX NO:

CORE DIAMETER: NQ, 30 (cm/mm)

INTERVAL:

SCALE:

DATE: 12/1-96 + 1/6/1

GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION	
2070' 630.94		Box # 204	630				Dark grey										
			31				Coal frag										
			32														
			33														
			34														
			35				Coal frag sid/ank den										
			36				Coal frag										
2088' 636.42			37														
			38				con										
2093' 637.95		Box # 205	39														
			40														
			41														
			42														
			43														
			44														
			45														

M | W | P | G | B |

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY:  
UTM COORDINATES:  
ELEVATION:70° 28' 15" N  
54° 00' 40" W  
114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1  
CORE DIAMETER:  
INTERVAL: (cm/mm)SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 16/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: G.D.

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
2027' 616.30		BOX # 199	615													
			16													
			17				Grey		coal debris							
			18													
			19													
2037' 619.35		BOX # 200	620													
			21						coal frag							
			22													
2042' 622.50		BOX # 201	23						coal frag							
			24						coal frag							
			25													
2055' 625.75		BOX # 202	26													
			27						coal frag							
			28													
2060' 627.88		BOX # 203	29				Grey		coal frag							
			30						coal frag							

M | W | P | G | B |

## CORE DESCRIPTION

### SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEET

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70°28'15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54°00'40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO: 439001 DENI  
BOX NO: GANE #1  
CORE DIAMETER: (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 16/1-96 + 17/1  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANIE # 1  
CORE DIAMETER: (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 17/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1922' 585.83		Box # 189	585													
			86													
			87													
		Box # 190	587.99													
			88													
			89													
1935' 589.98			590													
		Box # 191	590.98													
			91													
			92													
1947' 591.90																
		Box # 192	593.77													
1947' 593.42			94													
			95													
		Box # 193	596.68													
1957' 596.44			96													
			97													
			98													
1962' 598.00			99													
			600													

M'W'P'G'B'

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1  
CORE DIAMETER: (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 17/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: G.D.

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1875' 571.50		Box # 184	570													
			71													
			72													
			73													
			74													
			75													
			76													
			77													
			78													
			79													
			80													
			81													
			82													
			83													
			84													
			85													

1875' 571.50

1887' 575.15

1897' 578.20

1901' 579.42

1911' 582.44

572.33

576.10

582.15

584.97

Box # 185

Box # 186

Box # 187

Box # 188

Grey

Light grey

4

1

311  
452

312  
453

313  
454

314  
455

315  
456

M'W'P'G'B'

## CORE DESCRIPTION

### SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEET

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70°28'16" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54°00'40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE #1  
CORE DIAMETER:  
INTERVAL:

(cm/mm)

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 23/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]



CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY:

70° 28' 15" N  
54° 00' 40" W  
114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR

ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m

UNIT:

AGE:

WELL NO:

BOX NO:

CORE DIAMETER:

INTERVAL:

439001  
GANE # 1

(cm/mm)

SCALE: 1:50

DATE: 23/1-96 + 24/1

GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1745' 541.02		BOX # 174	540												273	
			41												298 441	
			42												672	
			542.38													
			43											5	300 442	
1783' 543.46		BOX # 175	44												671	
			45												301 443	
1789' 545.28		BOX # 176	46												302	
			47											4		
			548.22													
1799' 548.33		BOX # 177	48												303 444	
			49											5		
1805' 550.16		BOX # 178	50												480	
			51													
			551.63											4		
			52												304 445	
1815' 553.21			53													
			54											5		
			554.55													
			555												305 446	

M'W'P'G'B

SHEET 8 OF 10

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2.3  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANIE #1  
CORE DIAMETER:  
INTERVAL:

(cm/mm)

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 24/11-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1723' 526.38		Box # 169	525													
			26													
			27													
		Box # 170	527.66													
			28													
			29													
			530													
		Box # 171	530.66													
			31													
			32													
		Box # 172	533.65													
			33													
			34													
			35													
		Box # 173	534.31													
			36													
			37													
			38													
			39													
			40													
			540													

M | W | P | G | B |

## CORE DESCRIPTION

### SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEET

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO: 439001 DENI  
BOX NO: GANE: #1  
CORE DIAMETER: (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 24/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]

SHEET 10 OF 10

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY:  
UTM COORDINATES:  
ELEVATION:70°28'15"N  
54°00'40"W  
114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL:  
UNIT:  
AGE:

2 m

WELL NO:  
BOX NO:  
CORE DIAMETER:  
INTERVAL:439001  
GANE #1

(cm/mm)

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 25/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GSD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
16371 495.92	Box # 158	95														HYALOCLASTITES
		96													425	
16371 498.95	Box # 159	97														693 285 426
16391 499.57		98														
		99														692
16491 502.62	Box # 160	00														691
16501 502.92		01														
		02														286 427
16571 505.02	Box # 161	03														690
		04														
		05														287 428 689
16651 507.44	Box # 162	06														288 430 688
		07														
16721 509.62	Box # 163	08														289 431 687
		09														
		10														

CLAY SILT SAND PEBBL. CO  
VF F M C VC F M C

Calcite  
con.

Tuff

M'W'P'G'B'

## Table 2

Table 2. Detailed sedimentological log of the of the GANE#1A core.

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70°28'15"N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54°00'40"W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:4394001  
WELL NO: GANF # 1A  
BOX NO:  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ  
INTERVAL:

(cm/mm)

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 4/11-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
			695													
			96													
			97													
		Box # 256	98													
			99													
			100													
		Box # 257	01													
			02													
			03													
			04													
		Box # 258	05													
			06													
			07													
			08													
			09													
			10													

CLAY SILT SAND PEBBL. 8 16 32 64

VF F M C VC F M C

SILL

25.4.96

Grey

564 584 603 602 564 585 565 586 601 704 588 587

M'W'P'G'B'

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 4/1-96 + 5/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GJ

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
		Box # 252	60													
		Box # 251	81													
		Box # 252	82													
		Box # 252	83													
		Box # 252	84													
		Box # 252	85													
		Box # 252	86													
		Box # 252	87													
		Box # 252	88													
		Box # 252	89													
		Box # 253	90													
		Box # 254	91													
		Box # 254	92													
		Box # 254	93													
		Box # 255	94													
		Box # 255	95													

CLAY SILT SAND S&G PEBL CO  
VF F M C VC F M C

Dark grey

Grey

3

4

523  
526

528  
560

561

562

705

581

579  
579

520  
580

582

M I W I P I G I B I

LOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

439001 DENM  
WELL NO: GANE # 1A  
BOX NO:  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 5/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]



THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: 30 (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 5/1-96 & 9/1  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70°28'15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54°00'40"W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 429001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: 3Q (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 9/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/IC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
		BOX # 236	635													
			636.02										Z		620	
			36													619
			37													
		BOX # 237	38													618
			39												369 537	
			639.32										Z			
		BOX # 238	640												617 654	
			41													370 538
			42												616	
		BOX # 239	43													615
			44													371 539
			45										4			614
			46													
		BOX # 240	47													372 540
			48													
			49													373 541
			650													613

M'W'P'G'B'

SS: Helminthopsis  
horizontalisSilt and carb.  
coal frag  
coal frag  
○ calcite carb.

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70°28'15"N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54°00'40"W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: 75 (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 9/1-96 +10/1  
GEOLOGIST: C.D.

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
2035' 620.25			620													
		BOX # 232	21													
			22													
			23													
2046' 623.62			24													
		BOX # 233	25													
			26													
2057' 626.97			27													
		BOX # 234	28													
			29													
2067' 630.02			30													
		BOX # 235	31													
			32													
2071' 631.86			33													
		BOX # 236	34													
2075' 634.89			635													

M W P G B I

## CORE DESCRIPTION

### SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEET

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

439001 DENI  
WELL NO: GANE # 1A  
BOX NO:  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 10/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: 75 (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 10/1-96 + 11/1  
GEOLOGIST: GD

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO .....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1940' 591.51		BOX # 222	590												632	
			91												353 502	
			92												354 503 631	
1948' 593.15		BOX # 223	93										1		630	
			94													
			95												629	
			96												628	
1959' 597.10		BOX # 224	97												355 504	
1961' 597.7			98												690	
			99													
1964' 599.57		BOX # 225	600												356 505	
			01										5		357 506	
1974' 601.67		BOX # 226	02													
			03													
1982' 604.11		BOX # 227	04												358 507	
			05													

M'W'P'G'B'

T<sub>CH</sub>?  
MARKER BEDS  
T<sub>CH</sub>?  
T<sub>CH</sub>?Calcite  
Silt/ank con.coal frag  
coal frag  
coal fragcoal frag  
coal frag

SHEET 9 OF 12

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLANDLOCALITY:  
UTM COORDINATES:  
ELEVATION:70°28'15"N  
54°00'40"W  
114 mELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL:  
UNIT:  
AGE:

2 m

WELL NO:  
BOX NO:  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:439001  
GANE # 1ASCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 11/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GJ

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO .....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1888' 576.46		BOX # 218	575												347 496	
1888' 576.46			76													
1888' 576.46			77													
1888' 576.46			78										4		348 497	
1888' 576.46			79													
1888' 576.46		BOX # 219	580													
1888' 576.46			81												637	
1888' 576.46			82												349 498	
1888' 576.46		BOX # 220	83												636	
1888' 576.46			84												635	
1888' 576.46			85										1		350 499	
1888' 576.46			86												351 500	
1888' 576.46		BOX # 221	87												634	
1888' 576.46			88												352 501	
1888' 576.46		BOX # 222	89												633	
1888' 576.46			90													

M<sup>1</sup>W<sup>1</sup>P<sup>1</sup>G<sup>1</sup>B<sup>1</sup>

CORE DESCRIPTION  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL DATA SHEETTHE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY:

70° 28' 15" N  
54° 00' 40" W  
114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR

ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL:

2 m

UNIT:

AGE:

WELL NO: 439001  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A

CORE DIAMETER: 30 (cm/mm)

INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 11/1-96 + 12/1  
GEOLOGIST: G.D.

AGE	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	BOX NO	DRILLER'S DEPTH REFERENCE TO.....	LITHOLOGY	GRAIN SIZE AND SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES	BIOTURBATION/FOSSILS	COLOUR	ACCESSORIES/HC SHOWS	SORTING (VP, P, M, W, VW)	POROSITY	RECOVERY	FACIES	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	PHOTO NO.	SAMPLE NO.	REMARKS, DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION
1841' 564.13		BOX # 213	560													
			61													
			62													
			562.53													
			63													
			64													
1851' 564.18		BOX # 214	64													
			65													
			565.70													
1856' 565.70			66													
			67													
			568.84													
			69													
			570													
1871' 570.28		BOX # 216	70													
			71													
			572.10													
			72													
1875' 572.41			73													
			74													
			575													

M W P G B I

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF  
DENMARK AND GREENLAND

LOCALITY: 70° 28' 15" N  
UTM COORDINATES: 54° 00' 40" W  
ELEVATION: 114 m

ELEVATION OF DRILL FLOOR  
ABOVE GROUND-LEVEL: 2 m  
UNIT:  
AGE:

WELL NO: 439001 DENI  
BOX NO: GANE # 1A  
CORE DIAMETER: BQ (cm/mm)  
INTERVAL:

SCALE: 1:50  
DATE: 12/1-96  
GEOLOGIST: GD

[illegible]



