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Previous work.

The old molybdenum-tungsten mine in Ørsdalen (Map 1) is situated on the mountain plateau just south of the valley. Mining took place for shorter periods from 1904 to 1953 and was concentrated around three small mines (Map 2). Strossekrateret was the first to be worked. It produced 55 tons of MoS₂ from an estimated 5000 to 7000 tons of ore. Wolframsynken and Wolframstrossen produced 18 tons of WO₃ from 3000 to 5000 tons of ore, and Schänningsgruben produced 32 tons of WO₃ from 5000 to 7000 tons of ore. These values indicate a grade of c. 1 % MoS₂ and c. 0,5 % WO₃.

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Activities.

None of the above mentioned exploration activities had succeeded in finding continous and high grade mineralization. The expectation to the area still being based on the high grade ore from the three old mines. Therefore, instead of continued diamond drilling it was decided this year to do a detailed structural/ lithological mapping with the intension of obtaining a geological/mineralization model, which could form basis for continued investigations.

The main mineralized zone on the mountain plateau - including the three old mines - and the continuation of this zone down the valley wall were mapped in scale 1:looo (Map 2). Stoll 1 and 2 were mapped in scale 1:200 (Map 3 to Map 6) and an interpretation of the geology of the Stoll 1 - Stoll 2 level was done in scale 1:looo (Map 7). Mapping was also done of the 120 m long adit to Strossekrateret (Map 8) and of the old adit Norges Bank 30 m above Schänningsgruben (Map 9).

The mapping of the valley wall was done by Sven Dahlgren, Jan Inge Tollefsrud and Per Erik Øverli, and the map of the area around Wolframsynken is taken from Nyegaard (1981).

The following description on geological setting and mineralization includes information from Urban (1971) and Nyegaard (1976).

Geological setting

The area around the Ørsdalen Mo-W mines comprises high grade metamorphic, mainly leucocratic gneisses. It is possible to discriminate between:

Quartz-feldspar gneiss or granulite which contains 1 to 2 % mafic minerals, mainly biotite. The rock is coarse grained and characteristically has developed platy quartz.

Biotite gneiss with 5-lo % mafic minerals, mainly biotite. It is a fine to medium grained, light grey rock with a vague foliation.

Biotite-hypersthene gneiss with or without garnet. The rock contains 20-50 % mafic minerals and is characterized by the abundance of often isoclinally folded leucocratic veins.

Amphibolite. Most often it is a massive hornblende-plagioclase rock, but occasionally it is rich in cm-thick leucocratic bands. Hornblende-biotite gneiss with 10-20 % mafic minerals. The rock is characterized by large kalifeldspar grains and a vague biotite foliation.

Quartz veins and pegmatites.

The mapped area (Map 2) is part of the eastern overturned flank of a large synclinal structure in the Ørsdalen area (Nyegaard, 1976). The transition zone from the the flank to the foldclosure of the synclinal structure occurs just south of Strossekrateret on the mountain plateau (Map 2) and in the bottom of Stoll 1 at the level of the valley floor (Map 7). The trend of this foldaxis is shown in the lengthprofile of the Ørsdalen deposit (Map 10).

Within the flank biotite gneiss and hornblende gneiss are the predominating rocktypes. The abundance of all other rocktypes is less than lo %. From Map 2 it is seen that the two rocktypes form drawn-out refolded isoclinal foldstructures, which obviously are structurally independent of the later synclinal structure. Such a complex deformational history explains why a minor but characteristic rocktype as garnet-biotite-hypersthene gneiss only is found as discrete lenses. It has not been possible to propose a structural model which could explain the distribution of these lenses. However, a certain macroscopic pattern can be recognized in the general distribution of the minor rocktypes. Amphibolite occurs near the foldclosure of the syncline, namely south of Strossekrateret (Nyegaard, 1976) and in Stoll 1 and 2 (Map 7), as garnet-biotite-hypersthene is found in the area above a line from Strossekrateret to the Outcrop at 600 m (Map 2 and Map lo).

Mineralization

The ore-minerals in the Ørsdalen area are pyrrhotite, wolframite,

scheelite, molybdenite, chalcopyrite and titanomagnetite plus a few rare minerals.

The main mineralized zone which approximately corresponds to the area mapped this year (Map 2) hosts all the major occurrences plus many showings (Nyegaard, 1981). Several types of mineralization can be recognized:

Disseminated pyrrhotite, molybdenite and chalcopyrite in the garnet-biotite-hypersthene gneiss. The grade is always very low.

Aggregates of wolframite rimmed by scheelite and/or molybdenite in subconcordant quartz veins enclosed in or close to garnet-biotite-hypersthene gneiss. Individual veins can be up to 2 m wide and lo m long but often several veins follows after each other. The mineralized lens comprising quartz veins and garnet-biotite-hypersthene gneiss is 30 to 60 m long. The grade seems to be 0.5 to 1.0 % MoS₂/WO₃ over a width of 1 to 5 m. Mineralized lenses of this type are known from Strossekrateret (Mo>W), Wolframsynken/strossen (W >> Mo), Schänningsgruben (W >> Mo), the outcrop at 600 m (Mo ~W) and the "cover" zone in DDH 228 and DDH 229 (Mo ~ W).

Flakes of molybdenite concentrated at the contact of often small subconcordant quartz veins in the various rocktypes. The overall grade is very low.

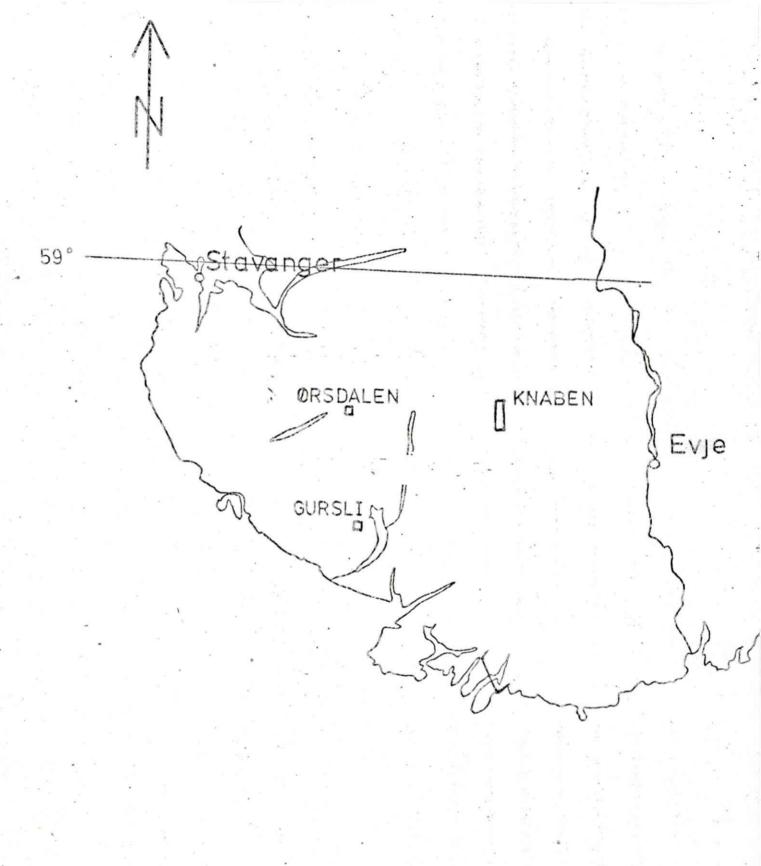
Scheelite mineralization in amphibolite. Scheelite is found as blebs in the amphibolite or is concentrated in mm-thick, leucocratic veins in the amphibolite. The overall grade is less than looo ppm W. The type is found in Stoll 1 and Stoll 2 and within the foldclosure on the mountain plateau.

Scheelite in late jointzones. The type is found in the bottom of Stoll 1 (Map 5). The overall grade is very low.

Discussion/conclusion

The only mineralization type which holds a potential for an economic orebody is the large quartz veins associated with garnet-biotite-hypersthene gneiss. From the mapping it is known that this type forms discrete lenses. The actual size and geometry of the lenses are not known. From map lo it is seen that there is a geometric possibility, that the lens at Schanningsgruben can plunge 40-90° S, and that the lens at Strossekrateret can continue in all directions, as these possibilities never have been tested by diamond drilling. However, it must be remarked that the most likely long-axis of a possible high-grade lens will be parallel with the foldaxis of the synclinal structure. The possibility that Wolframsynken/strossen continues at depth has been excluded by diamond drilling.

It is proposed to determine the size and geometry of the lenses at Schänningsgruben and Strossekrateret. If none of the high-grade lenses known today have a size comparable with say one half or one third of an economic orebody, it is very unlikely that hidden lenses should have such dimensions and the overall potential for finding sufficient ore is considerable lowered. It must be noted that the structural pattern previously described has diminished the rock volume of potential for high grade lenses,



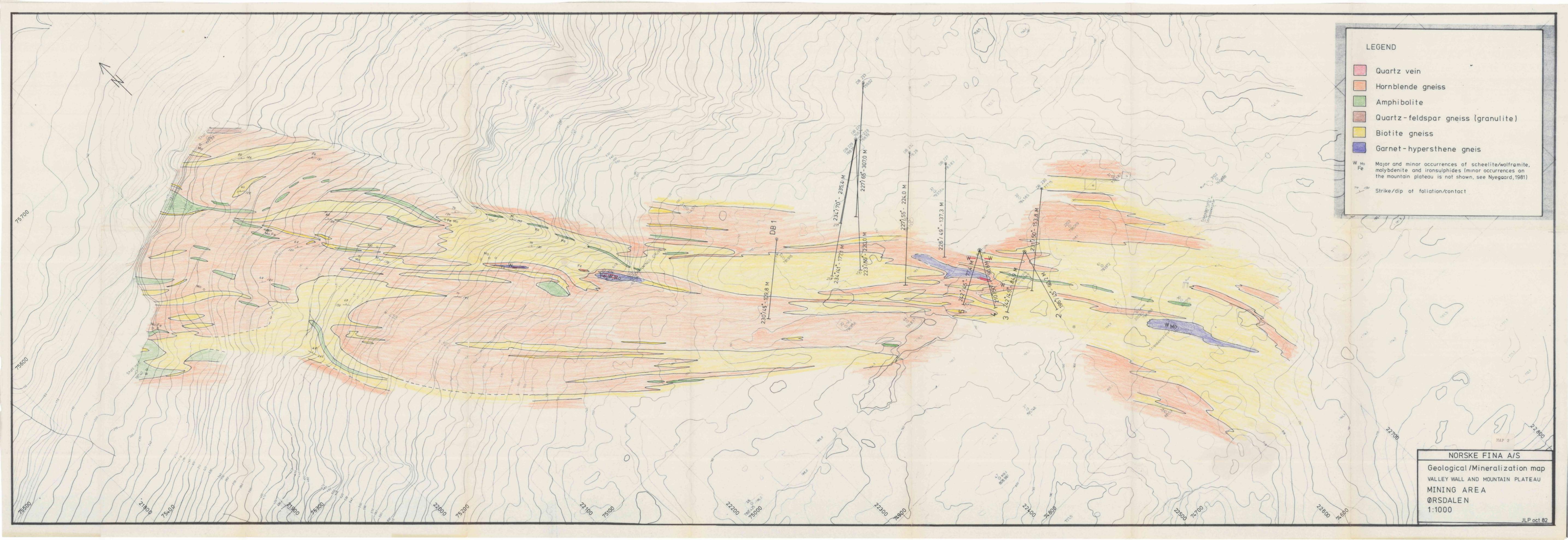
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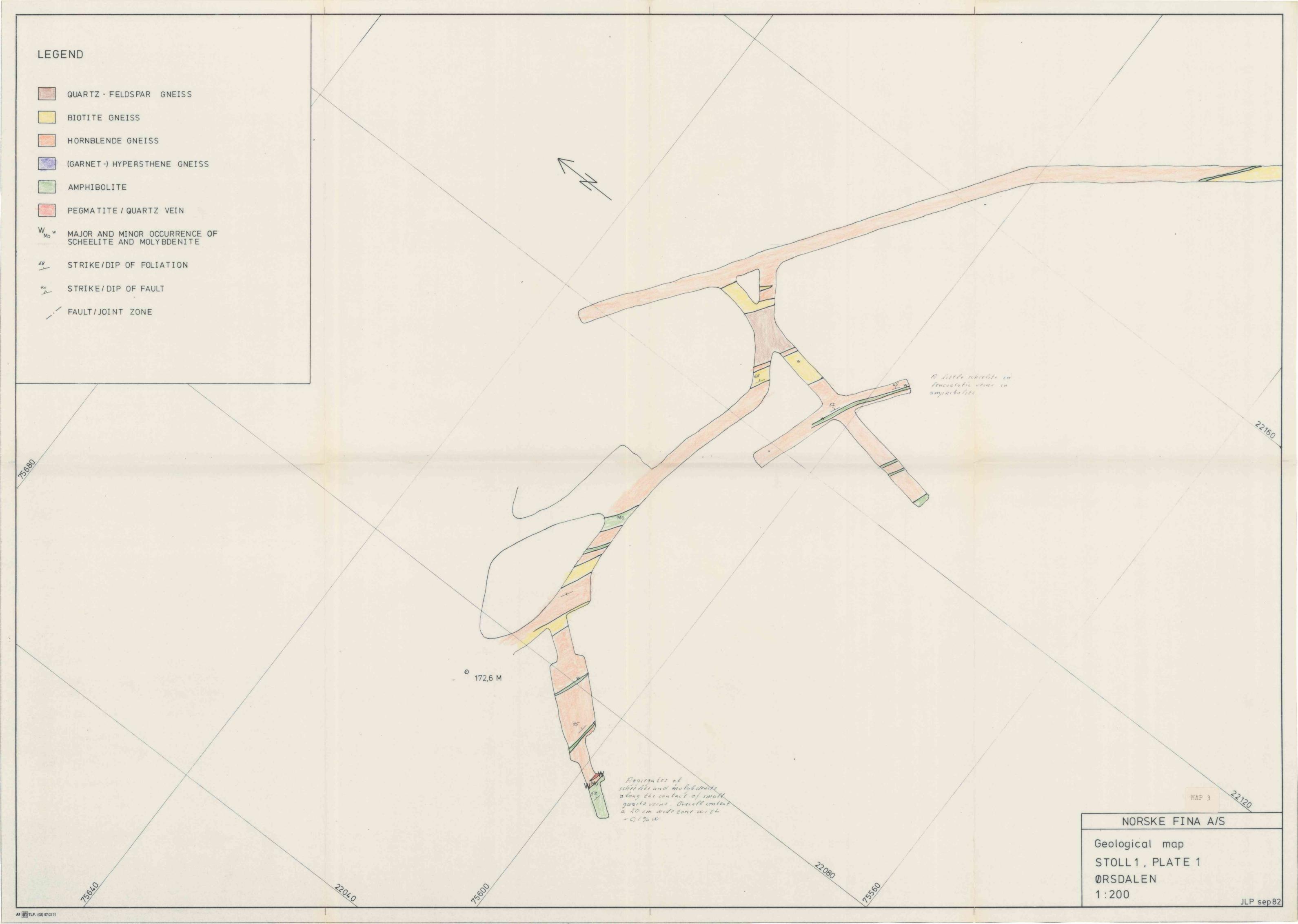
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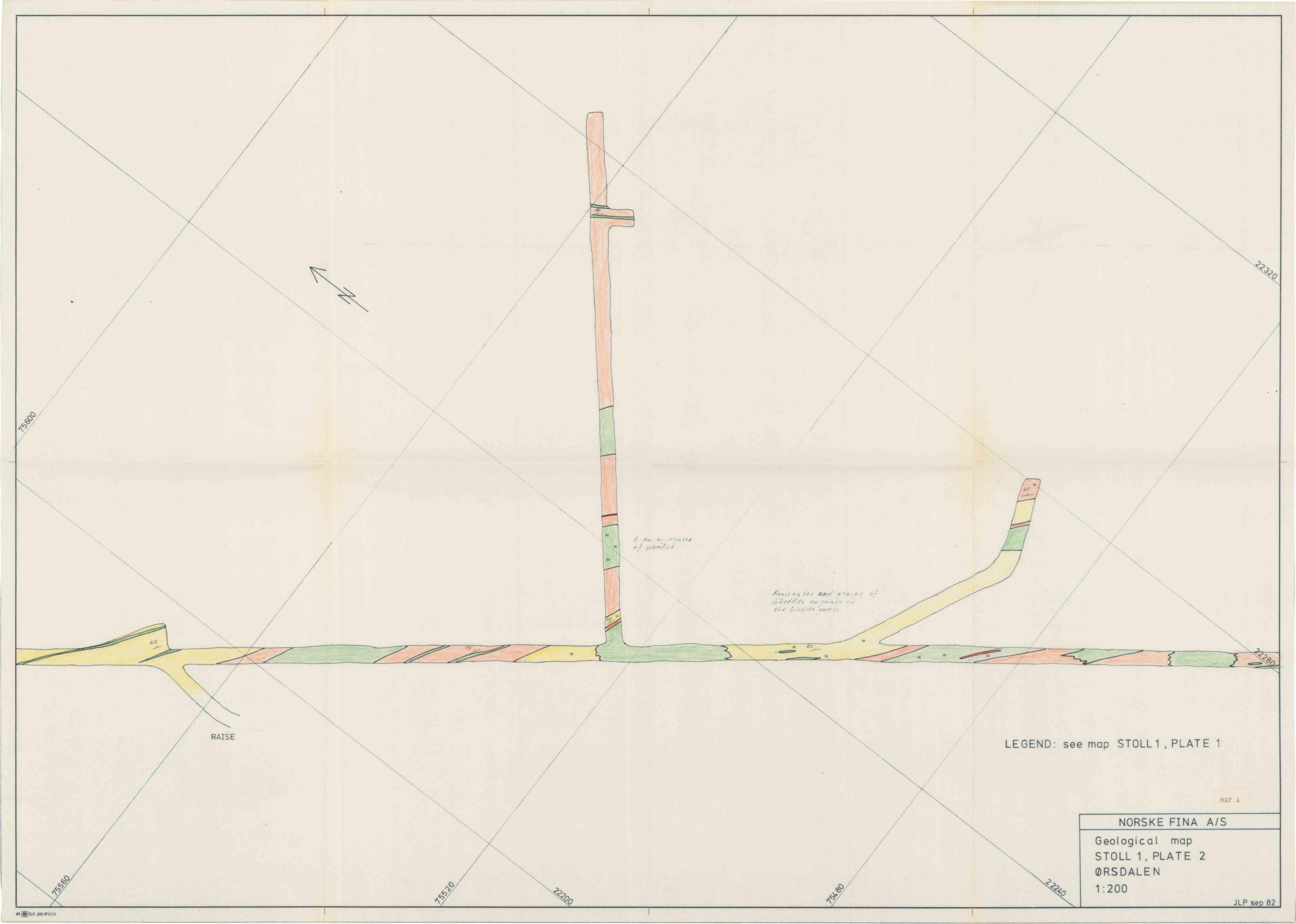
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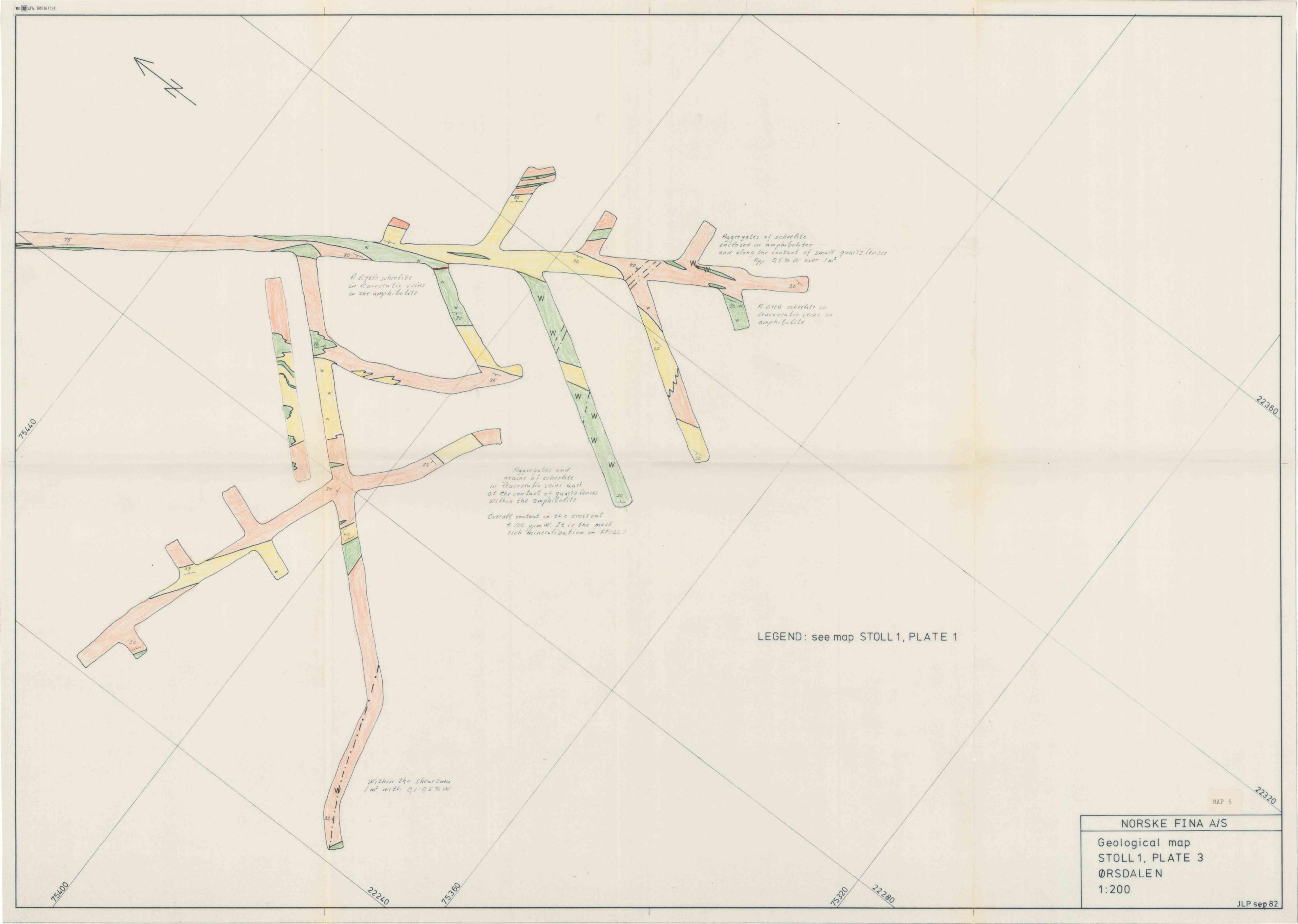
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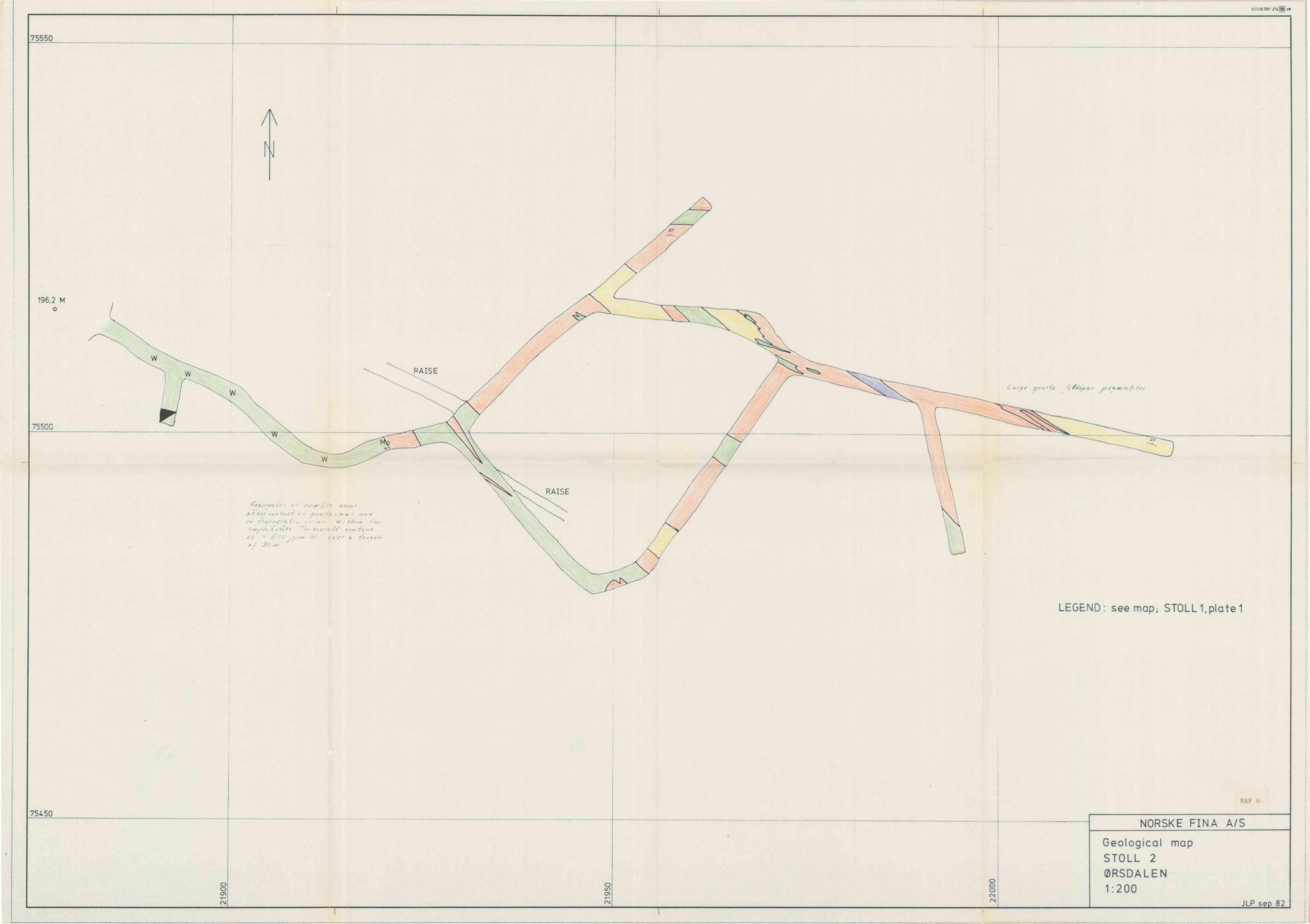
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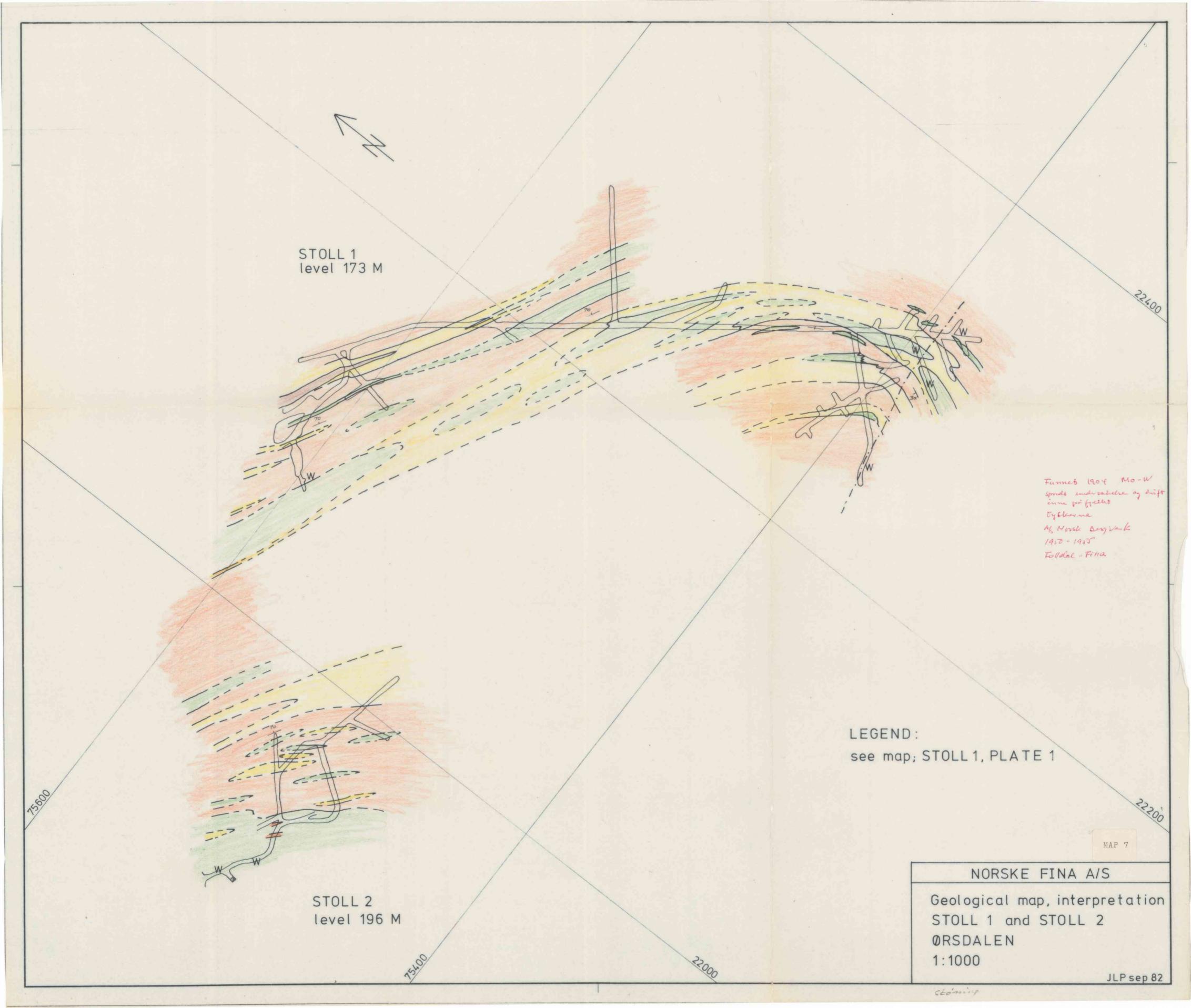


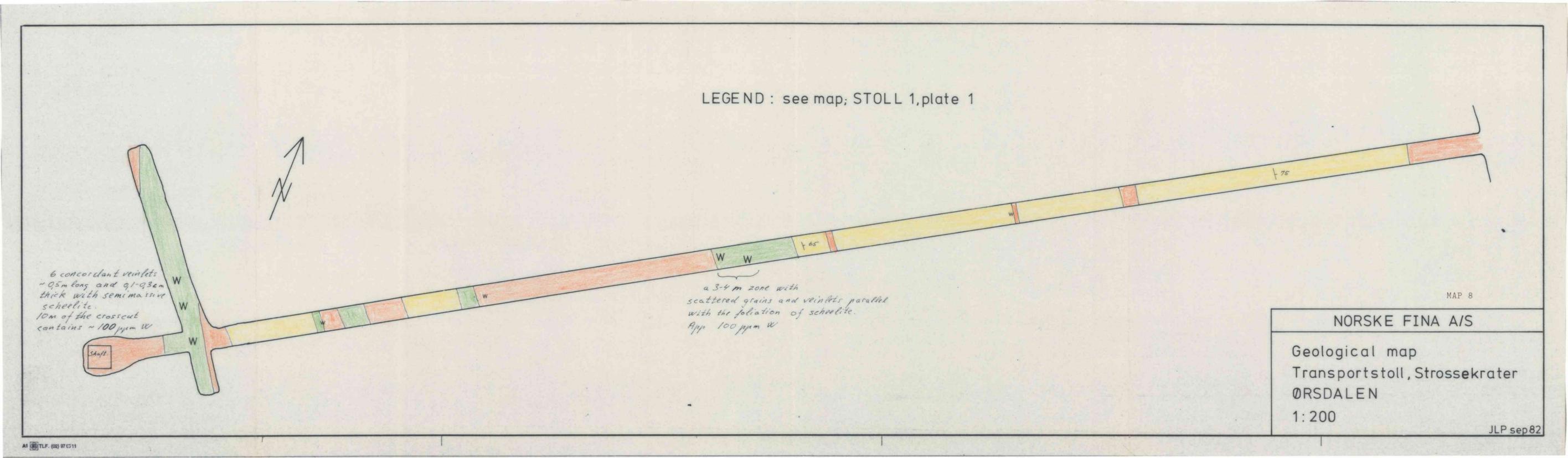


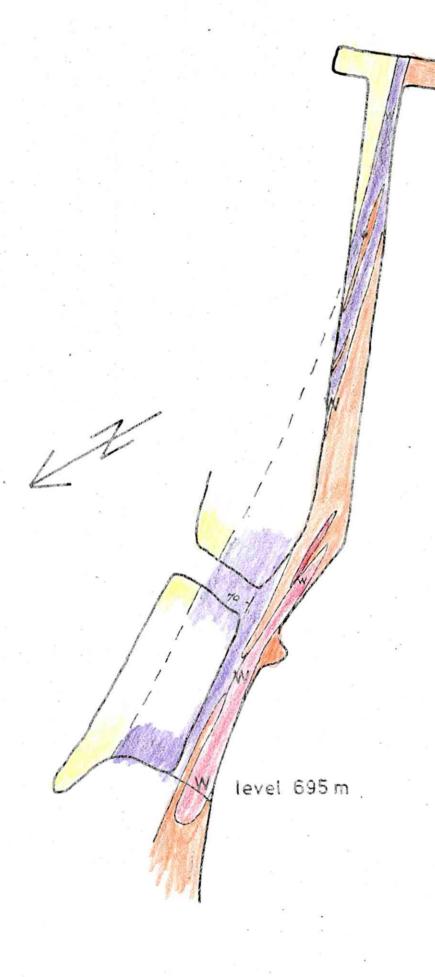












Legend:

see map: STOLL 1, plate 1

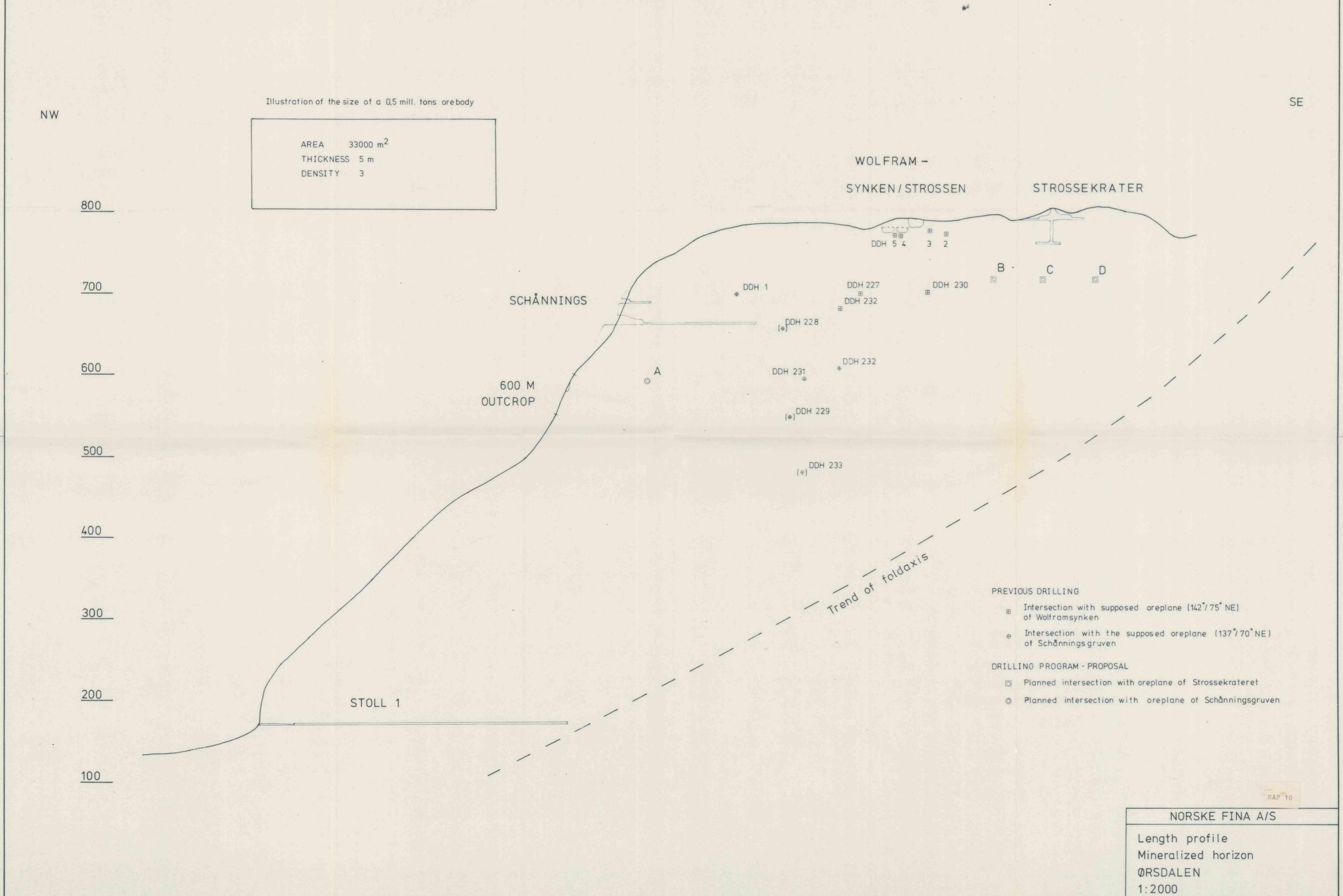
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Geological map Norges Bank, ØRSDALEN

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