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Dear Sir,

I enclose hand specimen and thin section descriptions of the following rocks:

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| 1 | TR1 | - | 200-300 |
| 2 | TR1 | - | 200-300 |
| 3 | TR4 | - | 0 - 300 |
| 4 | TR4 | - | 600-900 |
| 5 | TR4 | - | 2 (?) |
| 6 | TR5 | - | 0 - 200 |
| 7 | TR5 | - | 600-800 |
| 8 | TR5 | - | 1000-1200 |
| 9 | TR6 | - | 0 - 200 |
| 10 | TR7 | - | 200-400 |

The charge will be 10\$ per thin section giving a total of 100\$.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Paterson.



Alteration:

Regarding alteration of the specimens, note the following points

- (i) specimens 1, 4, 7, 8, 9 show varying degrees of hydrothermal alteration or propylitization.
- (ii) specimens 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 are essentially unaltered.
- (iii) optical identification of alteration products and textures is often difficult and highly subjective. For instance, the "sericite" identified as an alteration product of plagioclase could ^{also} be sericite, paragonite or one of the clay minerals.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ① - T.R. 1 - 200 - 300

HAND SPECIMEN: The specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and contains phenocrysts of white plagioclase feldspar (5 mm) and greenish mafics set in a fine grained grey matrix. Disseminated pyrite is also present and gives the gossan on the weathered surface.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

- Plagioclase : zoned euhedral phenocrysts - cores $An_{25 \pm 3}$ - slightly altered to a microgranular aggregate of sericite(?), epidote and iron oxides. 45
- Biotites : euhedral to subhedral (av. 5 mm) - totally altered to chlorite + sphene + iron oxides + pyrite. 10
- Epidote : anhedral, forms in small fractures. 1
- Matrix : microcrystalline granules of K-feldspar and minor quartz and plagioclase 40
- Accessories : sphene, pyrite - limonite rims pyrite and is formed in pervasive cracks throughout the slide. 3

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- a) crystallization of biotite granodiorite porphyre
- b) slight diastatic or hydrothermal alteration resulting in
 - (i) alteration of biotites to chlorite + sphene + iron oxides + pyrite
 - (ii) slight alteration of plagioclase phenocrysts
 - (iii) crystallization of epidote in fractures.

NAME:

propylitized biotite - granodiorite porphyre.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ② - T.R.1 - 200-300 (2)

HAND SPECIMEN: The specimen is coarse grained, hypochromorphic granular and contains euhedral phenocrysts of black hornblende and biotite (av. 6mm), smoky granular quartz (av. 2mm) and white euhedral feldspars (av 7mm) set in a fine grained buff coloured matrix. A vein, 3mm wide containing quartz traverses the specimen

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

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| Plagioclase | : euhedral, zoned, albite twinning, - An ₃₄ ± 3 - slightly sericitized | 25 |
| K-Feldspar | : euhedral, zoned, perthite stringers - quartz, biotite and plagioclase inclusions - essentially unaltered | 25 |
| Quartz | : rounded granules | 10 |
| Biotite | : subhedral - slightly chloritized | 5 |
| Hornblende | : subhedral and "ragged" - slightly chloritized, inclusions of sphere, plagioclase and apatite. | 4 |
| Matrix | : fine grained equigranular quartz, K-Feldspar and plagioclase | |
| Vein | : granular unstrained quartz with magnetite and chlorite inclusions | |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, hornblende, quartz and K-Feldspar respectively
- older cooling (skilled border phase of intrusive?), crystallization of matrix quartz and feldspar and slight deuteric alteration of plagioclase
- introduction of late quartz magnetite vein along fracture.

NAME:

quartz magnetite porphyre.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: (3) - TR 4 - 0 - 306

HAND SPECIMEN: The specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and is fawn in colour. It contains phenocrysts of biotite in a quartz-feldspathic matrix. An alteration vein containing small cavities cross cuts the specimen.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY: texture: hypidiomorphic equigranular. MODE

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| Plagioclase: euhedral to subhedral, zoned - An ₃₆ - plagioclase | 60 |
| becomes turbid & sericitised (?) near fracture zone | |
| K-Feldspar: subhedral phenocrysts with inclusions of plagioclase, - perthitic | 20 |
| in places | |
| Quartz - generally interstitial | 10 |
| Biotite - variety green biotite but chloritised near fracture zone | 4 |
| Hornblende - subhedral & 'ragged' - partly replaced by K-feldspar, quartz & magnetite. - probably late magmatic replacement. | 5 |
| Accessory - sphere, magnetite | 1 |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- ① Crystallization of a) plagioclase & K-feldspar, bt, hbl
b) interstitial quartz.
- ② Slight alteration along vein i.e. sericitisation of plagioclase and chloritisation of biotites in immediate vicinity.

NAME:

leucocratic monzonite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ④ - T.R. 4 - 600 - 900

HAND SPECIMEN: is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and fawn in colour. It contains altered ^{phenocrysts of} buff coloured feldspar (av. 1mm) and biotites in a quartzitic matrix

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

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|---------------|---|----|
| Plagioclase : | subhedral, originally zoned, highly altered to a mixture of a white micaceous mineral (paragonite or sericite), brown granules (limonite?) and albite feldspar. | 45 |
| K-feldspar : | subhedral - slightly altered along fractures (limonite) | 15 |
| Matrix : | unstrained granular quartz, occasional large (2mm) quartz grains | 35 |
| Biotites : | totally altered to aggregates of muscovite + limonite | 3 |
| Accessories : | magnetite, apatite - magnetite is often associated with altered biotites | 1 |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- ① crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, K-feldspar and finally interstitial quartz.
- ② alteration of plagioclase \longrightarrow albite + (sericite, paragonite) + limonite
" " biotite \longrightarrow muscovite + limonite, magnetite?

NAME:

granodiorite porphyre.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: (5) - T.R. - 4 - 2

HAND SPECIMEN: The hand specimen is coarse grained, hypidiomorphic granular and weathers fawn and white. It contains dark phenocrysts of hornblende (7 mm max) and white phenocrysts of feldspar in a fawn coloured granular quartz-feldspathic matrix.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

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|-------------|---|----|
| Plagioclase | : euhedral, zoned, $An_{40 \pm 5}$ - incipiently sericitised - slight turbid alteration in places | 45 |
| K-Feldspar | : large zoned subhedral phenocrysts with plagioclase inclusions | 17 |
| Hornblende | : euhedral to subhedral - slightly chloritised and contains ragged inclusions of K-feldspar. - note associated magnetite granules | 15 |
| Quartz | : interstitial, unstrained | 20 |
| Biotite | : interstitial, slightly chloritised | 1 |
| Accessories | : magnetite, sphene, apatite. | 2 |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- ① crystallization, in respective order of plagioclase, hornblende, K-feldspar, biotite and quartz
- ② minor deuteric or hydrothermal sericitization of plagioclase and chloritization of biotite and hornblende.

NAME:

hornblende quartz monzonite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ⑥ T.R - 5 - 0 - 200

HAND SPECIMEN: The specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and buff weathering. It contains approx 10% biotite phenocrysts set in a pinkish quartz - feldspar matrix.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

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| Plagioclase: | euhedral, well zoned - cores $An_{38 \pm 5}$ - development of sericite along fractures | 30 |
| K-feldspar: | subhedral phenocrysts - occasionally turbid appearance due to stringers of opaque granules (hematite?) developed along cleavage, occasional ferritic blebs. | 40 |
| Biotite: | subhedral with 'ragged' edges, slightly chloritized, associated with magnetite + hematite + limonite in spherulitic aggregates | 10 |
| Quartz: | occurs interstitially or along margins of K-feldspar grains | 20 |
| Accessories: | magnetite, hematite, sphene and apatite. | 2 |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- ① crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, K-feldspar and quartz.
- ② late stress and slight hydrothermal alteration of plagioclase to sericite and biotite to chlorite.

NAMES:

biotite quartz monzonite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: (7) - TR 5 - 600 - 800

HAND SPECIMEN: The hand specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic and contains whitish phenocrysts of feldspar (5mm max), biotites and gray quartz. Occasional vugs or more also seen.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

Plagioclase: subhedral - originally An₃₀ (?) - grains are now 47
totally altered to white mica with limonite at the edges.

K-feldspar: large subhedral phenocrysts - blotchy with limonite granules 23
along microfractures. - some indication of "two growth periods"
but interpretation is subjective.

Quartz: unstrained granules - generally interstitial - possibility of 20
recrystallization during hydrothermal alteration.

Biotite: totally altered to sericite + chlorite + iron oxides. 5

Accessories: sphene, chlorite & white mica (muscovite), magnetite 5

HISTORY AND ALTERATION:

① crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, K-feldspar and quartz
respectively

② pervasive hydrothermal alteration note as:

a) almost total alteration of plagioclase to white mica

b) biotite is almost totally altered to muscovite + chlorite + iron oxides

c) possible secondary growth of K-feldspar and recrystallization of quartz
- but second opinion strongly suggests primary growth.

NAME:

altered biotite-quartz-muscovite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ⑧ - TR 5 - 1000 - 1200

HAND SPECIMEN: The hand specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and buff weathering. Grey quartz, pinkish feldspar and a greenish ferromagnesian mineral are identifiable. The specimen also contains small cavities or vugs.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

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| Plagioclase: subhedral - An ₂₀ → An ₃₀ - slight dusting of alteration minerals (ie white mica + granules and needles of a crypto-crystalline material) | } 80 |
| K-feldspar: anhedral with inclusions of quartz and plagioclase. - only slightly altered. | |
| Chlorite: interstitial, pale green pleochroism - perhaps replacing hornblende | 5 |
| Quartz: granules occur in K-feldspar or interstitially | 12 |
| Clinzoisite: associated with chlorite - note pleochroism and anomalous interference colours | 1 |
| Allanite: generally associated with epidote | 1 |
| Accessories: sphene + apatite. | 1 |

HISTORY AND ALTERATIONS:

- ① crystallization of plagioclase, hornblende, (?) K-feldspar and quartz.
- ② hydrothermal alteration or prophyllitization - slight alteration of feldspars and formation of interstitial chlorite, clinzoisite and allanite

NAME:

altered quartz monzonite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ⑨ - T.R. - 6 - 0 - 200

HAND SPECIMEN: The hand specimen is medium grained, and hypidiomorphic granular. Dark biotite, grey quartz and pinkish feldspar can be identified.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE %

- Plagioclase: euhedral - $An_{35 \pm 5}$ - highly altered to white mica especially along cleavages. 42
- K-feldspar: subhedral phenocrysts - perthitic - essentially unaltered but has slight turbidity due to the presence of unidentifiable cryptocrystalline granules. 27
- Biotite: forms clusters - alters to chlorite + limonite + magnetite. 5
- Quartz: generally intergranular and unstrained. 25
- Accessories: magnetite, sphene, apatite. 1.

HISTORY AND ALTERATION:

- ① crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, K-feldspar and quartz.
- ② diagenetic or hydrothermal alteration of plagioclase (partly replaced by white mica) and biotite (partly altered to chlorite + iron oxides).

NAME:

quartz monzonite.

SPECIMEN NUMBER: ⑩ - T.R - 7 - 200-400

HAND SPECIMEN: The specimen is medium grained, hypidiomorphic granular and weathers buff or white. It contains white phenocrysts of feldspar, dark phenocrysts of hornblende and biotite, and quartz.

MICROSCOPIC PETROLOGY:

MODE

- Plagioclase : zoned subhedral to euhedral grains - essentially unaltered except for very minor alteration along fractures - composition (cores An₄₂) 45
- K-feldspar : large subhedral crystals, well zoned, slightly perthitic occasional patches of turbid alteration 25
- Quartz : late, interstitial, unstained 17
- Biotite : subhedral - almost unaltered. 3
- Hornblende : subhedral - "ragged" with inclusions of K-feldspar, magnetite + biotite 10
- Accessories : magnetite, sphene, apatite.

HISTORY AND ALTERATION:

- ① crystallization of plagioclase, biotite, hornblende, K-feldspar & quartz.
- ② Very minor late magmatic alteration

NAME:

quartz monzonite.