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## ABBREVIATIONS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>DGPS</b>   | Differential Global Positioning System     |
| <b>DPR</b>    | Daily Progress Report                      |
| <b>ETRS89</b> | European Terrestrial Reference System 1989 |
| <b>GPS</b>    | Global Positioning System                  |
| <b>HW</b>     | High Water                                 |
| <b>IHO</b>    | International Hydrographic Organisation    |
| <b>kHz</b>    | Kilohertz                                  |
| <b>MBES</b>   | Multibeam Echosounder                      |
| <b>MCA</b>    | Maritime and Coastguard Agency             |
| <b>ODN</b>    | Ordnance Datum Newlyn                      |
| <b>OSGB36</b> | Ordnance Survey Great Britain 1936         |
| <b>OSTN15</b> | Ordnance Survey Transformation 2015        |
| <b>PPK</b>    | Post-Processed Kinematic                   |
| <b>QA</b>     | Quality Assurance                          |
| <b>QC</b>     | Quality Control                            |
| <b>RMS</b>    | Route Mean Square                          |
| <b>RTK</b>    | Real Time Kinematic                        |
| <b>SBAS</b>   | Satellite-based Augmentation System        |
| <b>SBP</b>    | Sub-Bottom Profiler                        |
| <b>SSS</b>    | Sidescan Sonar                             |
| <b>SVP</b>    | Sound Velocity Profiler                    |
| <b>SVS</b>    | Sound Velocity Sensor                      |
| <b>TBC</b>    | Trimble Business Centre                    |
| <b>TPA</b>    | Thermal Protective Aid                     |
| <b>TQA</b>    | Titan Quality Assurance                    |
| <b>UTC</b>    | Coordinated Universal Time                 |
| <b>UTM</b>    | Universal Transverse Mercator              |
| <b>VDU</b>    | Visual Display Unit                        |
| <b>VRS</b>    | Virtual Reference Station                  |

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## 1. Executive Summary

This report, *CS0590\_Aberaeron\_Geophysical\_V1*, details the results of the survey operations undertaken by MV Titan Surveyor from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November as part of an investigation covering the site for a potential breakwater. The Titan Surveyor was tasked with collecting bathymetry, side scan sonar, boomer, and magnetometer data across the site subject to vessel manoeuvrability, as well as over the proposed breakwater location. Full data coverage was achieved in the nearshore area and each instrument was run on every line, except the crosslines which did not include magnetometer. Within the entrance to the inner harbour, just multibeam, side scan and boomer were collected as it was not safe or practical to tow the magnetometer. Further within the inner harbour, only multibeam was collected due to the close proximity of mooring buoys. From the collected data a 1.0m multibeam xyz was produced as well as sonar and magnetometer contact lists. Five different charts were created to display bathymetry contours, shaded relief, seabed features and an interpreted geological profile of the breakwater location. Seabed sediments are interpreted to comprise of gravel and cobbles associated with glacial till across much of the offshore section in the west of the site. Within the vicinity of the harbour and proposed breakwater, seabed sediments are interpreted to predominantly comprise of gravels and silty sand. A total of fourteen objects are interpreted at the seabed on the side scan sonar data; thirteen of these are interpreted as boulders and one as linear debris. Across much of the survey area, an intermittent veneer of fine sand is present and underlying this surficial veneer, glacial till is interpreted comprising clay, sand, gravel, and boulders. Acoustically the till is seismically chaotic with numerous internal events. Penetration into this till is limited, assumed to be because of the consolidated nature of the material.

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 General

In October, Titan Environmental Surveys Ltd (Titan) was commissioned by Quantum Geotechnics to conduct a geophysical survey at the entrance to Aberaeron harbour and the tidal basin within the inner harbour. The survey is part of an investigation covering the site for a potential breakwater intended to protect the installation of a possible lock gate.

### 2.2 Scope of Work

Under the conditions set out by Quantum Geotechnics the following tasks were requested to be carried out:

- Full Bathymetry coverage – MBES Interferometric
- Full Sonar coverage - SSS (Subject to vessel manoeuvrability and safe working)
- Sub-bottom Profiles (Subject to ground conditions)
- Magnetometer (Subject to vessel manoeuvrability and safe working)
- Breakwater SBP Profile (Subject to ground conditions)

The survey area defined by Atkins (in document *5182114-ATK-MAR-GEN-DR-GE-2122.pdf*) is provided in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 Survey Area Co-ordinates provided in Ordnance Survey**

|   | <b>Easting</b> | <b>Northing</b> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| A | 245245         | 262776          |
| B | 245010         | 262940          |
| C | 245524         | 263543          |
| D | 245839         | 263357          |
| E | 245480         | 263121          |
| F | 245688         | 262873          |
| G | 245648         | 262832          |

### 2.3 Survey Achievement

To complete the survey within the boundary provided by the client the area was divided into two sections, the inner harbour and nearshore area as defined in Figure 2.1.



**Figure 2.1 Overview of nearshore area, inner harbour area and line plans**

### 2.3.1 Nearshore Area

Titan achieved full data coverage of the survey area where it was safe to do so.

- Mainlines - 50m line spacing with an orientation of 40° (Shore parallel) - Full Geophysical setup (MBES, SSS, SBP and Magnetometer) with an orientation of 40°
- Infill lines - 25m line spacing with an orientation of 40° (Shore parallel) – Surveyed with MBES and SSS to ensure coverage
- Additional MBES Infill - Additional MBES lines were run to achieve full bathymetry coverage due to the shallow water depths, North of the Aberaeron harbour entrance
- Crosslines (100m line spacing at an orientation of 130°). Surveyed with MBES, SSS and SBP

Crosslines were run without the magnetometer deployed. To avoid magnetic interference with the vessel it is necessary to tow the magnetometer 30m aft of the vessel therefore, this significantly reduces the vessel's turning circle. During operations onsite it was deemed

unsafe to approach the shoreline with the reduced turning circle, so the crosslines were collected with MBES, SSS and SBP only.

### 2.3.2 Inner harbour

Titan achieved full data coverage of the survey area where it was safe to do so but this was limited in the inner harbour.

The survey area around the entrance and inner harbour was too tight to be able to safely perform line turns whilst towing a magnetometer with a minimum tow length of 30m. Therefore, only one line with the magnetometer deployed was run into the inner harbour. The magnetometer was recovered as quickly and safely as possible once inside the harbour to allow the vessel to turn.

With the magnetometer recovered, survey lines were run in and out of the inner harbour covering the entrance with MBES, SSS, and SBP until the safe working limit of the vessel had been reached.

The profile line along the proposed seawall was collected without the magnetometer. This allowed the vessel to collect more SBP data along the entire proposed sea wall route, without having to turn away early due to the constraints of towing a magnetometer.

To be able to safely carry out any data collection further into the harbour, adjacent to the mooring buoys the SSS and SBP were recovered. At the top of the spring tide, several attempts were made to survey further into the harbour with only the MBES deployed on a best endeavours approach. However, due to the spacing and density of the trot mooring buoys, the strong river flow making steerage difficult, and the very shallow depths (~2m on a HW spring), it was deemed unsafe to continue and limited additional coverage was achieved.

## 2.4 Reporting

This report details the operations and results of the survey carried out 11/11/2020 – 29/11/2020; including details of instruments and methods adopted for the survey, calibration/verification of equipment, processing techniques and an assessment of data quality. A full list of deliverables has been provided in [Appendix A](#).

## 2.5 Personnel

The key personnel throughout the project have been outlined in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2 Key Personnel**


| Name                | Proposed Position                 | Responsibilities   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Management</b>   |                                   |  |
| Malcolm Houston     | Managing Director                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Contract Overseer</li> </ul>   |
| Matt Ireson         | Project Manager/<br>Lead Surveyor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall management of the project</li> <li>Point of contact for employee personnel</li> <li>Client liaison</li> <li>Responsible for technical conduct of survey alongside the Party Chief</li> <li>Detailed planning and preparation for fieldwork</li> <li>Technical Support</li> <li>Appointment of Party Chief and surveyors</li> <li>Responsible for technical conduct of survey alongside the Party Chief/Project Manager</li> </ul>                       |
| <b>Office Staff</b> |                                   |  |
| Fred Dulley         | Project Reporting<br>Coordinator  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseer of data management</li> <li>Finalisation of Interferometric MBES data</li> <li>Final QC of data deliverables</li> <li>Compilation of final reports</li> </ul>  |
| Mike Kingston       | Principal<br>Geophysicist         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QC of geophysical data</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Field Staff</b>  |                                   |  |
| Geraint Jones       | Skipper                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible of the overall safety of the vessel</li> <li>Responsible for undertaking pre-sail vessel safety briefing and checks</li> <li>Responsible for undertaking project safety meetings and toolbox talks</li> <li>Responsible for ensuring all crew are aware of all relevant SSOW for the work in hand</li> <li>Responsible for any decisions related to vessel safety, i.e., decide whether it is safe to work in current weather conditions</li> </ul> |
| Matt Ireson         | Party Chief                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site client liaison</li> <li>Production and distribution of the DPRs</li> <li>Oversee the performance, QC and management of vessel-based operations and onshore processing</li> </ul>  |
| Kyle Jones          | Surveyor                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible to undertake day-to-day surveying (under supervision of Party Chief)</li> </ul>   |

### 3. Survey Operations

#### 3.1 Vessel

Table 3.1 gives details of the MV Titan Surveyor.

**Table 3.1 MV Titan Surveyor Vessel Specification**

| MV Titan Surveyor   |  |
|---|--|
|  |  |
| <b>Flag</b>   | British  |
| <b>Class</b>  | MCA Small Commercial Vessel (SCV) Cat 3: 20 miles from safe haven                    |
| <b>Year Built</b>   | 1998   |
| <b>Length</b>   | 7.9m   |
| <b>Breadth</b>  | 2m   |
| <b>Draught</b>  | 0.8m   |
| <b>Speed</b>  | 10 knots dependent on load   |
| <b>Survey</b>   | Over the side mounts<br>Port and starboard tow arms<br>Equipment towed alongside     |
| <b>GSM</b>  | +44 (0) 7884 068449  |
| <b>Email</b>  | <a href="mailto:Titan.Surveyor@titansurveys.com">Titan.Surveyor@titansurveys.com</a> |
| <b>Call Sign</b>  | MXIA7  |
| <b>MMSI</b>   | 235000852  |

### 3.2 Summary of Operations

A summary of the principal survey activities is given in Table 3.2. A detailed description of the daily activities was presented as Daily Progress Reports during operations, copies of which were submitted to all relevant parties.

**Table 3.2 Summary of Survey Activity**

| Survey Day | Date       | Activity   |
|------------|------------|--|
| 1          | 11/11/2020 | Travel to Aberystwyth. Commence mobilisation of Titan Surveyor.  |
| 2          | 12/11/2020 | Continued survey mobilisation. Radar system replaced.  |
| 3          | 13/11/2020 | Final mobilisation, full system check. Stand down, travel back to South Wales.   |
| 4          | 21/11/2020 | Travel to Aberystwyth, standby port.   |
| 5          | 22/11/2020 | Depart port but conditions found to still not be good enough. Decision to stand down and travel back to South Wales.   |
| 6          | 25/11/2020 | Travel to Aberystwyth, standby port, project meeting.  |
| 7          | 26/11/2020 | Operational  |
| 8          | 27/11/2020 | Operational – Patch test (Roll lines), Survey operation at Aberaeron were cancelled due to the man overboard incident and the potential risk of Hypothermia. |
| 9          | 28/11/2020 | Operational – Infill   |
| 10         | 29/11/2020 | Operational – Aberaeron survey work completed. Patch Test (Pitch Lines)  |

A summary for each code reflecting the final project timings as per the last DPR is presented in Table 3.3.

**Table 3.3 Project Timings Summary**

| Project code                        | Time (hours) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mobilisation                        | 40:50        |
| Full Geophysical Survey             | 25:11        |
| Full Geophysical Survey – Infill    | 03:30        |
| Full Geophysical Survey - Crossline | 01:14        |
| Stand down                          | 19:00        |
| Standby – Sea                       | 02:50        |
| Standby – Port                      | 28:05        |
| Total                               | 120:40       |

### 3.3 Health, Safety and Environment

#### 3.3.1 Health and Safety

All work was carried out in accordance with Titan’s Health and Safety Policy. Prior to survey operations, all personnel joining the vessel were given a comprehensive safety briefing by the vessel skipper. This briefing included a detailed description of the survey work to be

undertaken, all health and safety procedures aboard the vessel, and a demonstration of all safety equipment on board and its relevant location.

Health and safety toolbox meetings were conducted and recorded to discuss specific issues associated with the vessel or survey. There were twelve in total for the Titan Surveyor.

Any health and safety observations, incidents and technical faults are recorded on digital GL30a Observation Cards as part of Gardline Group's safety framework. Any safety incidents would be subsequently reviewed and assessed by Titan's management team and Gardline' Health and Safety department. Three GL30a cards were submitted during the project duration.

A brief description of each GL30 for vessel ops is in Table 3.4.

**Table 3.4 GL30 summary - Vessel Operations**

| GL30 title                              | Date       | Observation Type | What Happened?  |
|---|------------|------------------|---|
| Crew member overboard                   | 27/11/2020 | Health & Safety  | Whilst trying to move to the bow of the vessel to recover the tangled hydrophone equipment. Crew member MI missed his footing while walking down the side of the vessel and slipped into the water. Life jacket automatically set off. Sea state was flat calm, and vessel was stationary at the time. Crew members instantly offered him support and helped pulled MI from the water using the MBES mount as a stepping platform. Clothes were removed and MI was placed in a TPA. It was then decided to place MI in an immersion suit. Plans for survey operations at Aberaeron were called off for the day in case hyperthermia. Vessel returned to Aberystwyth carrying out a recce of MBES patch location on the way. |
| Fishing line caught on Starboard Engine | 27/11/2020 | Vessel           | Running one of our last Bathy lines very close to the shore, we failed to notice an angler fishing in close proximity. This resulted in his line getting caught by our vessel with a small amount later found to be wrapped around the starboard propeller. At the time of the incident, we came back around and apologised to the man for the inconvenience, and he allowed us to then complete our last nearshore line.   |
| Surveyor elephant trunk detachment      | 29/11/2020 | Vessel           | During transit to the calibration site the starboard elephant trunk became detached. When we had got to site and slowed down this resulted in water ingress onto the back deck (about 4 inches). This had to be fixed to stop further water ingress, and the water had to be bailed out by hand.  |

### 3.3.2 Environment

Titan recognises the increasing importance of environmental issues. Consequently, great store is laid upon the protection of the environment with regard to all our operations. In addition to our Health and Safety Organisation, environmental considerations have been incorporated into our daily operations.

During this project:

- Field Staff complied with all relevant local, national, and international environmental legislation, which impinged on survey activities.

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- All attempts were made to prevent / minimise pollution through; recycling of paper waste and printer cartridges; disposing of waste in a responsible manner; reducing energy use; encouraging the efficient use of transport fleet to both optimise the utilisation of fuel and minimise emissions to the environment.

## 4. Reference Control

### 4.1 General

All times quoted in this report are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), units of measurements refer to the metric system and all co-ordinates are referred to OSGB36 OSTN15. The vertical datum of acquired data is referred to OSGM15.

### 4.2 Horizontal Control

Primary positioning was achieved using a SPS751 operating in RTK mode with live corrections from NTRIP VRS Now. Data was received in ETRS89 and was transformed to OSGB36 using the OSTN15 transformation. For details on the geodetic parameters of the project, see Table 4.1 and [Appendix B.1](#).

In addition, positioning of swathe data has been enhanced by post processing data using a PPK tide file to improve positional and attitude data.

A Hemisphere VS130 was used as a secondary navigation, operating in SBAS mode to provide real-time dynamic comparisons and quality control (QC) of the primary navigation.

**Table 4.1 Project Geodetic Parameters**

|                                |                          |                  |                     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Navigation System Datum</b> | <b>ETRS89</b>            | Semi-major axis  | 6378137             |
|                                |                          | Semi-minor axis  | 6356752.3142        |
|                                |                          | Flattening (1/f) | 298.25722356301     |
| <b>Job Datum</b>               | <b>OSGB36 (AIRY1830)</b> | Semi-major axis  | 6377563.396         |
|                                |                          | Semi-minor axis  | 6356256.910         |
|                                |                          | Flattening (1/f) | 299.320             |
| <b>Projection:</b>             | Projection type          |                  | Transverse Mercator |
|                                | Central Latitude         |                  | 49° North           |
|                                | Central Longitude        |                  | 2° West             |
|                                | False easting            |                  | -100000             |
|                                | False northing           |                  | 400000              |
|                                | Scale factor             |                  | 0.9996              |
|                                |                          |                  |                     |
| <b>Datum Transformation</b>    | Rotation X (secs)        |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Rotation Y (secs)        |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Rotation Z (secs)        |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Scale Factor (ppm)       |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Translation X (m)        |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Translation Y (m)        |                  | 0                   |
|                                | Translation Z (m)        |                  | 0                   |

### 4.3 Vertical Control

All bathymetry data has been reduced to ODN using the OSGM15 geoid.

## 5. Equipment Details and Methods

### 5.1 Geophysical Survey Spread Summary

**Table 5.1 Summary of Navigation and Survey Equipment**

| Summary of Navigation and Survey Equipment |                       |   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Integrated Navigation Software             |                       | QPS QINSy 9   |
| Primary Navigation                         |                       | Trimble SPS 751 with RTK corrections from VRSNow                                      |
| Secondary Navigation                       |                       | Hemisphere VS130  |
| Heading                                    |                       | Hemisphere VS130  |
| Single Beam Echosounder                    |                       | Odom Hydrotrac  |
| Multibeam Echosounder                      |                       | Kongsberg Geoswathe GS4   |
|  | Motion Sensor         | Teledyne DMS-05   |
|  | Sound Velocity Sensor | Valeport Miniature Sound Velocity Sensor  |
|  | Sound Velocity Probe  | Valeport SWiFT Sound Velocity Profiler  |
| Sidescan Sonar                             |                       | Edgetech FS4200 100/400kHz  |
| Sub-Bottom Profiler                        |                       | AA CSP300 Bang Box and Applied Acoustics 20 Element Hydrophone<br>AA 202 Boomer Plate |
| Magnetometer                               |                       | Geometrics G882 Caesium Vapour  |

### 5.2 Calibration and Verification

A series of calibration and verifications were undertaken during the mobilisation and during the survey, which have been summarised in Table 5.2. Full details on all tests can be seen in the relevant appendices.

**Table 5.2 Calibration documents**

| Calibration/Verification       | Date Undertaken               | Reference Document                          | Appendix            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Vessel Offset Diagram          | 12/11/2020                    | FRM_TQA042_Vessel Offset Diagram            | <a href="#">B.2</a> |
| Static Navigation Verification | 12/11/2020                    | FRM_TQA017a_Navigation Verification         | <a href="#">B.3</a> |
| Survey Navigation Comparison   | 26/11/2020<br>_<br>29/11/2020 | FRM_TQA017c_Survey Navigation Comparison    | <a href="#">B.4</a> |
| Heading Verification           | 12/11/2020                    | FRM_TQA038_Gyro Verification                | <a href="#">B.5</a> |
| MBES Patch Test                | 29/11/2020                    | FRM_TQA035b_GeoAcoustics Swathe Calibration | <a href="#">B.6</a> |

### 5.2.1 Sidescan Sonar Rub Test

An Edgetech FS4200 Dual Frequency 100/400kHz SSS was mobilised onto the MV Titan Surveyor for survey operations. SSS rub test was carried out on 13/11/2020 to ensure all transceivers were operational. The results of the rub test can be seen in Figure 5.1.

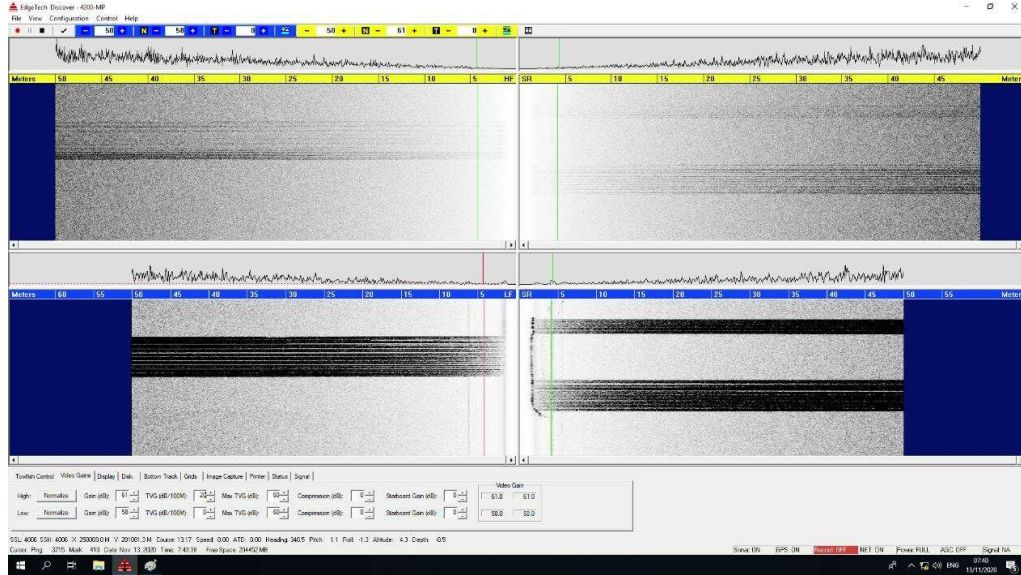


Figure 5.1 SSS rub test verification

### 5.2.2 Sub-bottom Profiler Verification

An SBP verification line was run offshore of the survey area to prove the system was operating correctly. The horizon below the surface horizon disappears the closer the vessel moves towards the shoreline where the seabed is formed by hard constituents. The results of the verification can be seen in Figure 5.2.

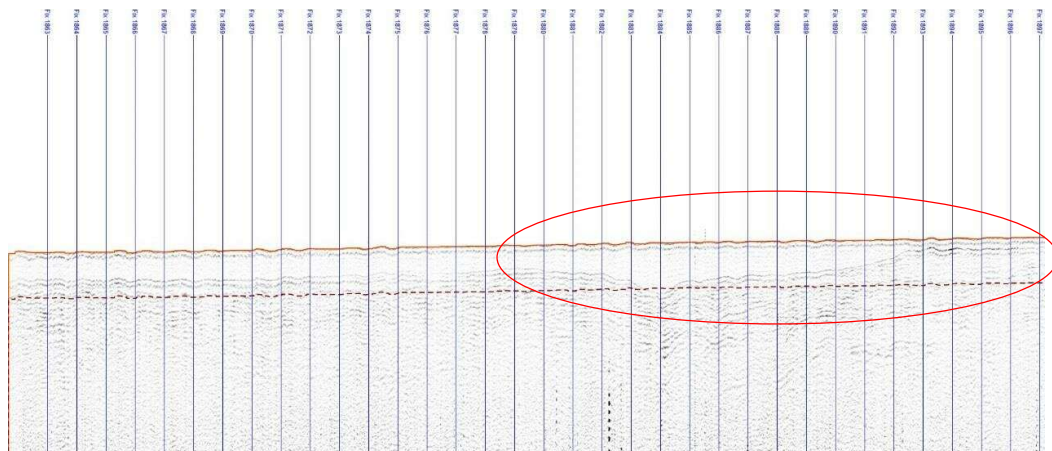


Figure 5.2 SBP Verification over a geological feature

### 5.3 Integrated Navigation and Data Acquisition System

Titan Surveys uses QPS QINSy for the acquisition and logging of position, heading, bathymetry, attitude, tide sources, quality control information and updating of real-time data and navigational displays. QINSy works with standard RS232 data transfer via NMEA. Real time navigation and event information can be exported to external sensors. All the raw and computed data is time tagged with a PPS signal to eliminate real time system latency.

The system is also able to graphically represent quality control information such as delta east, delta north, PDOP, HDOP, differential age and sensor profiles to allow the surveyor to monitor the incoming sensor information and review its quality for survey operations. System warnings can also be setup based on a traffic light system, to alert the surveyor to potential equipment problems.

QINSy has a Survey Manager tool which allows the user to create survey run lines, routes or targets and once combined with positional, heading and velocity information can display the vessels position relative to a pre-determined guidance object. Together with distance and track data on a helmsman's VDU for efficient vessel steering and guidance.

The system's flexible operation allows for multiple steer-by nodes, allowing guidance of several towed instruments to different guidance objects. All logged data within QINSy navigation can be subsequently accessed within the QPS Replay component for post survey analysis and exporting.

### 5.4 Primary Navigation

A SPS751 was used as the primary navigation system during survey operations. The system was configured to receive RTK corrections from NTRIP VRSNow for the duration of the survey. The system provided real-time comparisons with secondary navigation for QC purposes. Post processing of the data was available for a tidal elevation comparison.

**Table 5.3 Trimble SPS751: Technical Specification**

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Channel</b>             | 72 Channel L1 C/A code        |
| <b>Horizontal Accuracy</b> | 8 mm +0.5 ppm RMS (RTK VRS)   |
| <b>Vertical Accuracy</b>   | 15 mm +0.5 ppm RMS (RTK VRS). |
| <b>Precise Heading</b>     | 0.09° (2 m antenna spacing)   |
| <b>Initialization time</b> | Typically <10 seconds >99%    |

### 5.5 Heading and Secondary Navigation

A Hemisphere Crescent VS130 DGPS system was used as the secondary navigation system during survey operations. The system was configured to receive SBAS for the duration of the survey. The GPS differential antenna was in a separate housing linked to the receiver and was configured to receive differential corrections from a specific frequency within the high frequency band. The system provided real-time comparisons of the primary navigation for QC purposes.

**Table 5.4 Hemisphere Crescent VS130 DGPS System: Technical Specification**

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Horizontal Accuracy</b> | <0.60 m 95% confidence (DGPS)         |
| <b>Heading Accuracy</b>    | <0.15° RMS (1.0 m antenna separation) |
| <b>Pitch/Roll Accuracy</b> | <1.00° RMS (0.5 m antenna separation) |

## 5.6 Multibeam Echosounder

The GeoSwath Plus system used to collect bathymetry data was operated at 250 kHz, meeting IHO Special Order specifications whilst using a swath width up to 6 times water depth. The system comprised of two transducers, a processing unit and an operating station. The transducers were mounted to a 'plate' frame alongside a miniature sound velocity sensor (mini-SVS) and a miniature altimeter, which was then deployed through a central moon-pool on the vessel.

During acquisition, real-time swath bathymetry data was viewed as a plan display to show the extent of coverage. The GeoSwath Plus system is interfaced to a GeoSwath 4 acquisition system that records all swathe data collected in a RAW format, as well as navigation from the primary system, data from the mini-SVS and attitude data from the mini altimeter, all in real-time.

**Table 5.5 Kongsberg GS+ MBES System**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Frequency</b>              | 250 kHz          |
| <b>Swathe Update Rate</b>     | 30 swathe/second |
| <b>Resolution</b>             | 0.003 m          |
| <b>Slant Range Resolution</b> | 0.05 m           |
| <b>Two-way Beam Width</b>     | 0.75° Azimuth    |

The TSS Dynamic Motion Sensor MRU unit was mounted directly over the bathymetric system to reduce the offset for lever arm corrections. The heave, pitch and roll values were recorded within the bathymetric acquisition system and used in real-time to correct the swathe data. To improve dynamic performance, the unit was provided with position, heading and velocity data directly from the Hemisphere VS130 secondary positioning system.

### 5.6.1 Sound Velocity Sensor

A Valeport Miniature Sound Velocity Sensor was mounted onto the bathymetry system to record continuous real-time sound velocity. The values from the sensor were applied directly into the bathymetry user interface. Specifications for the unit can be found in Table 5.6.

**Table 5.6 Valeport Miniature Sound Velocity Sensor: Technical Specifications**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Velocity Range</b>      | 1400 ms <sup>-1</sup> – 1600 ms <sup>-1</sup> |
| <b>Velocity Resolution</b> | 0.001 ms <sup>-1</sup>                        |
| <b>Velocity Accuracy</b>   | ±0.06 ms <sup>-1</sup>                        |

### 5.6.2 Sound Velocity Profiler

A Valeport SWIFT Sound Velocity Probe (SVP) was deployed to record vertical sound velocity profiles through the water column and as quality control against the transducer mounted mini-SVS. The unit was a self-recording/direct reading instrument, which allowed readings to be taken at set depth intervals of 0.25m. The data was downloaded as text files and uploaded into Geoswathe. The unit specifications can be seen in Table 5.7.

**Table 5.7 Valeport SWIFT Sound Velocity Profiler: Technical Specifications**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Velocity Range</b>             | 1375 ms <sup>-1</sup> – 1900 ms <sup>-1</sup> |
| <b>Velocity Resolution</b>        | 0.001 ms <sup>-1</sup>                        |
| <b>Velocity Accuracy</b>          | ±0.02 ms <sup>-1</sup>                        |
| <b>Pressure Range</b>             | 200 dbar                                      |
| <b>Pressure Resolution</b>        | 0.001% FS                                     |
| <b>Pressure Velocity Accuracy</b> | ±0.05% FS Range                               |

### 5.7 Sidescan Sonar System

Seabed mapping was achieved using an Edgetech 4200-FS SSS, which provided both full spectrum and multi-pulse technologies into one unit. The system comprised of a portable topside processor running Edgetech Discover software, a communications cable and tow rope/data tow cable and a tow fish. The system operated dual simultaneous frequencies at both 100 kHz and 400 kHz in high-definition mode (HDM) and recorded the data for both frequencies simultaneously.

The SSS fish was towed on the starboard midship of the vessel. Layback was calculated manually with the real time nav being applied as an offset from QINSy. Digital data was recorded with a fish position provided via QINSy using the software topline estimation utility.

Annotations to the digital record were provided automatically from QINSy at 20 second intervals and included details of the fix number, time and line name. The dual frequency sonar data was recorded digitally in the 4200-FS data Discovery computer. SSS data was recorded in both JSF (Discovery Proprietary Software) and XTF formats.

**Table 5.8 Edgetech 4200-FS SSS: Configuration**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Frequency</b> | 100/400 kHz   |
| <b>Layback</b>   | Alongside Tow |
| <b>Range</b>     | 50 m          |

### 5.8 Sub-bottom Profiler

The AA Surface Tow Boomer system was used to collect sub-bottom profile data. The transmitter array comprised a capacitor bank, tow cable and catamaran containing the boomer plate. The receiving array consisted of a hydrophone that was input to the acquisition and processing module. The boomer and hydrophone were deployed in a catamaran float alongside the vessel, with no layback. Fix marks and navigation were input into the acquisition system from QINSy 9 in real-time. The data was recorded in RAW SEG-Y format within the sub-bottom acquisition system.

**Table 5.9 AA Boomer: Configuration**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Fire Rate</b> | 250 msec      |
| <b>Power</b>     | 100 %         |
| <b>Frequency</b> | 0.9 – 4.5 kHz |

### 5.9 Magnetometer

Titan operated a Geometrics G882 Magnetometer on the vessel, which is a self-oscillating split beam Caesium vapour magnetometer. The instrument was towed on a soft tow cable to avoid interference from the vessel and was positioned by manual layback. A magnetically inert surface float was added to the magnetometer so sufficient instrument layback could be maintained in shallow water.

The magnetometer system collected data through 4 channels; Channel 0, magnetometer data; Channel 1, signal strength; Channel 2, depth; Channel 3, altimeter. The data was recorded digitally by QINSy, which applied all offsets and layback as well as fixes and positioning data.

**Table 5.10 Geometrics G-882 Caesium Magnetometer: Configuration**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Operating Range</b>   | 20,000 to 100,000 nT                     |
| <b>Absolute Accuracy</b> | <3 nT throughout range                   |
| <b>Heading error</b>     | ±1 nT (over entire 360° spin and tumble) |
| <b>Layback</b>           | 30 m                                     |

## 6. Data Processing

### 6.1 Post Processed Kinematic Tide

Titan processed observed tidal heights from the SPS system using Trimble Business Centre (TBC) to derive a PPK tide, which was later used to reduce bathymetry data to the specified vertical datum.

VRSNow Rinex Virtual Reference Station (VRS) for the survey day was downloaded for processing. VRS was downloaded for the following position:

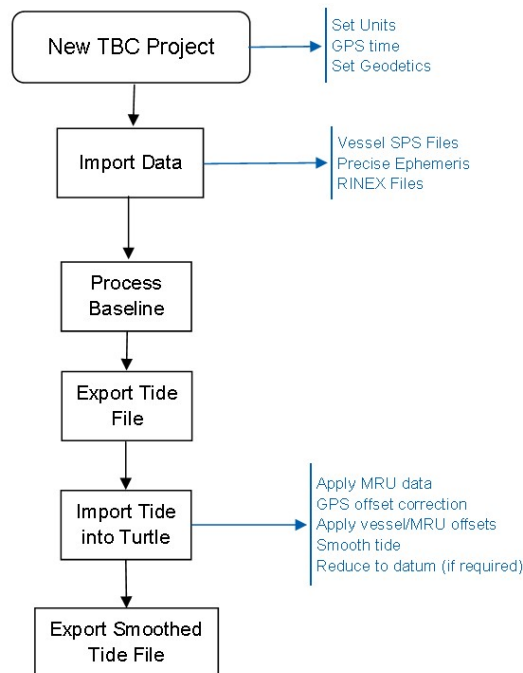
- 52.2428°N, 4.26217°W

TBC was used to combine the VRS data with the rover location in post-processing, providing accurate co-ordinates of the survey vessel at 1 second intervals. The derived GPS antenna elevation data was to OSTN15 and reduced to OSGM15. The GPS antenna height above the water surface was accurately calculated by total station measurement.

Derived tidal elevations were smoothed using a spline smoothing routine within Titan' - house tidal processing software, Turtle. The tidal elevations were quality controlled through comparisons against predicted tides for the following locations:

- Aberporth
- Aberystwyth
- New Quay

The processing workflow is outlined in Figure 6.1.



**Figure 6.1 PPK Processing workflow**

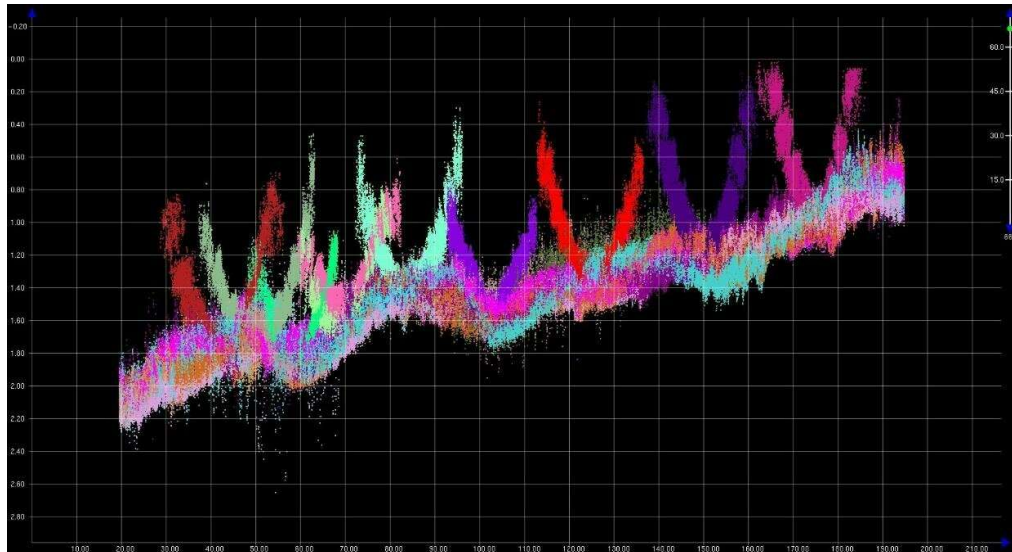
## 6.2 Bathymetry Processing

GeoSwath 4 (GS4) processing package was used to process the swathe bathymetry data collected. The package provided a complete project-based solution for the GeoSwath Plus sonar system, which allowed data acquisition, storage, calibration, data cleaning processing, and gridding for final exports.

Within GS4, the RAW bathymetry data had all offsets applied, as well as calibration values for heave, pitch and roll. 1PPS time correction was applied to remove any latency in the system. Sound velocity profiles taken throughout the survey day were imported, to correct for temporal and spatial changes in the water column.

The data was reduced to ODN by applying a smoothed tide export that was post-processed in TBC and Turtle.

Sound velocity profiles were applied to the data before processing to correct for changes in sound velocity within the water column. Sound velocity was largely uniform outside of the harbour but changed rapidly on entering the harbour due to freshwater input of the Afon Aeron. This had a significant effect on bathymetry data collected within the harbour which resulted in the characteristic 'smiles' in the data shown Figure 6.2. This was corrected for within GS4 software.



**Figure 6.2 Inner harbour bathymetry data relative to the outer harbour bathymetry**

A mixture of amplitude, limits, along and across track filters were applied to process the bathymetry data. The data was finalised and exported from GS4 processing software.

### 6.3 Sidescan Sonar Processing

GeoFusion software package was used to interpret and process the side scan sonar data.

Within GeoFusion the side scan sonar data had corrected seabed tracking, corrected navigation, heave, pitch, roll and time variable gains applied. These features aided the interpretation and exporting of seabed features, contacts and a sonar mosaic.

Each side scan sonar line is interpreted separately and added to a total project for final processing. GeoFusion allows the user to adjust line orientation, cross reference against external and internal data sets (such as geotechnical logs, known man made features) and apply filters for sonar mosaicking.

Upon completion data sets are exported as a combination of .csv, .xyz, .shp and .tiff files to the specified bin sizes required for charting.

Titan has a vigorous Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) process to ensure that at all stages of processing and charting the correct steps have been taken and key information is recorded. During data processing Titan Quality Assurance (TQA) forms are filled out as part of our workflow

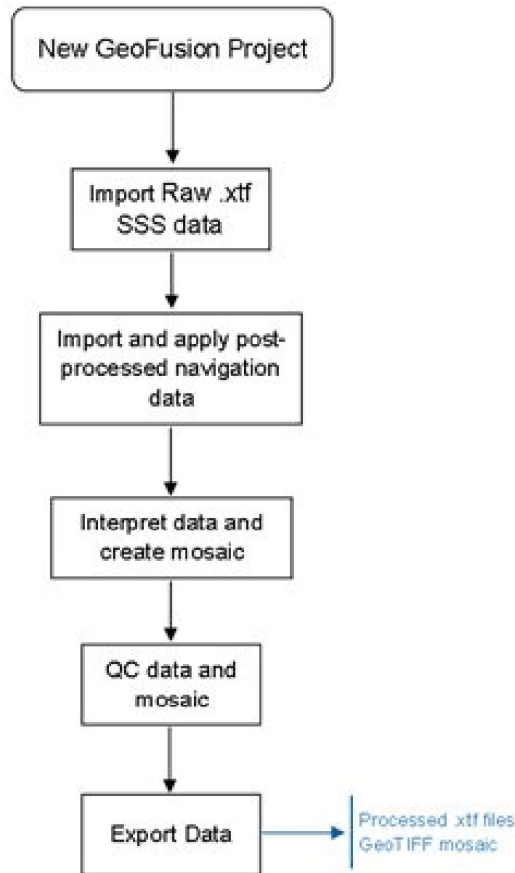


Figure 6.3 Sidescan sonar interpretation Workflow

#### **6.4 Sub-Bottom Processing**

GeoFusion software package was used to interpret and process the seismic data.

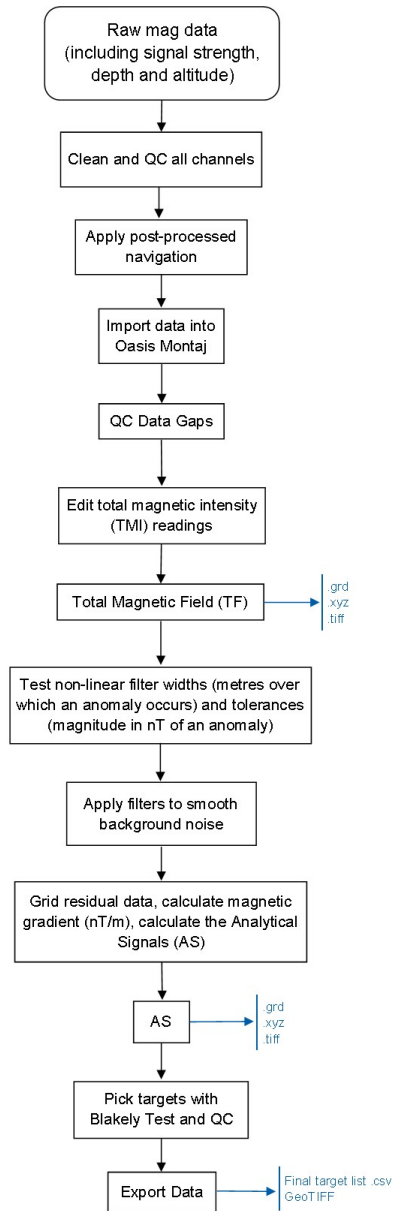
Within GeoFusion the seismic data had seabed tracking and time variable gains applied. These features aided the interpretation and exporting of sediment horizons, diffractions, and faults.

Each seismic line is interpreted separately and added to a total project for final processing. GeoFusion allows the user to adjust line orientation, cross reference against external and internal data sets (such as geotechnical logs, known man made features) and apply filters for sonar mosaicking.

Upon completion data sets are exported as a combination of .csv, .xyz, .shp and .tiff files to the specified bin sizes required for charting. Charting and visualisation of data is undertaken in a variety of software packages, including ArcGIS.

#### **6.5 Magnetometer Processing**

Magnetometer data was exported from QINSy and passed through an in-house macro to provide an initial QA/QC check on the data. The data imported into GeoSoft Oasis Montaj software where it was analysed and edited within following the workflow outlined in Figure 6.4. Targets were automatically picked using the Blakely method and then reviewed and edited accordingly. All targets were cross referenced with MBES and SSS targets to aid identification.



**Figure 6.4 Magnetometer Processing Workflow**

## 6.6 Anomaly Identification

### 6.6.1 Magnetometer

Magnetometer targets were manually picked within Oasis Montaj and using the Blakely test. A Blakely threshold of 0.5nT/m was chosen across the site. Targets were then manually removed or added if deemed appropriate based on their strength and correspondence to a MBES/SSS anomaly.

## 7. Results

### 7.1 Multibeam Bathymetry

Full MBES coverage was achieved up to the safe working limits of the vessel (around 2m in-situ water depth). Within the survey area, water depths vary from 6.6m ODN in the west to <0.2m ODN adjacent to the beach in the east. The seabed shoals towards the beach with a gradient generally <1°. More significant gradients are present, associated with both the interpreted till at seabed, as well as surficial accumulations of fine sand. Locally gradients exceed 15°. The proposed breakwater traverses these accumulations of fine sand; gradients on their flanks in the vicinity reach 10°.

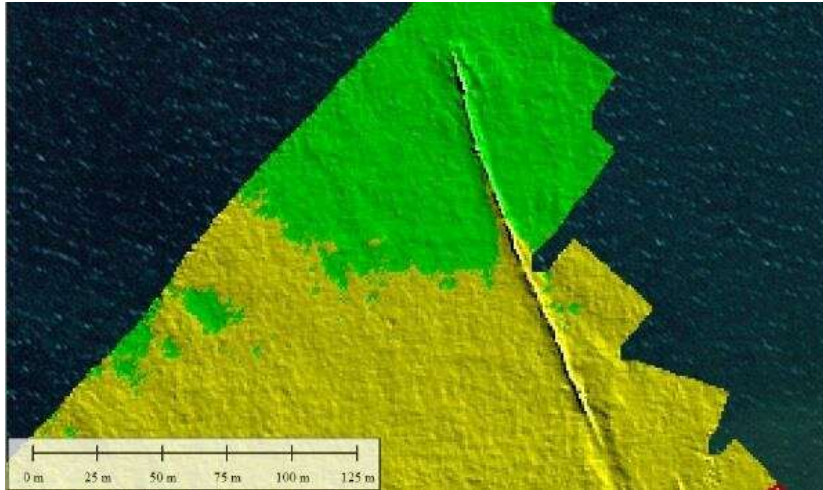
Within the harbour water depths are in the order of 1m ODN.

Figure 7.1 shows the full extents of MBES coverage relative to the survey area, and to the shoreline/inner harbour.

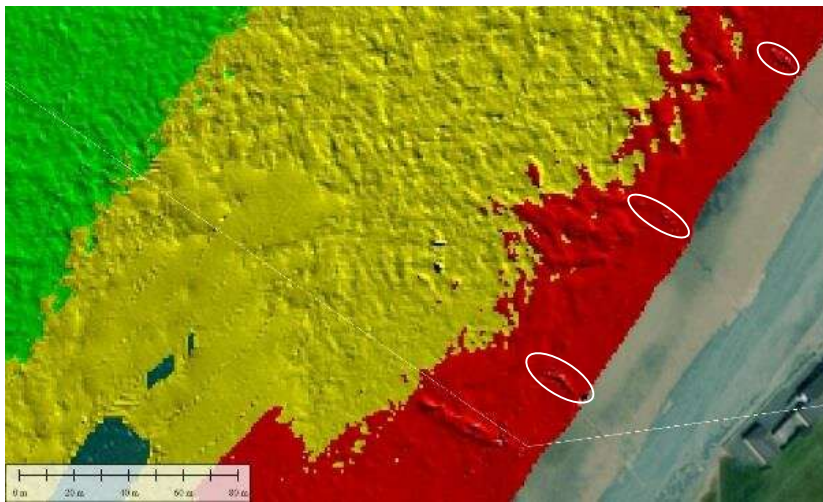


**Figure 7.1 Multibeam coverage overlay**

Seabed features were picked up well by the Geoswath system, further seen in Figure 7.1 and Figure 7.3, where nearshore groynes in the southern nearshore of the survey area, and a pipeline outfall can be seen to the northeast of the survey area respectively.



**Figure 7.2 Pipe Outfall**



**Figure 7.3 Groynes in the nearshore**



**Figure 7.4 Multi-beam coverage of the inner harbour**

Figure 7.4 illustrates the coverage achieved in the inner harbour. A slim strip of MBES data is sandwiched between the harbour wall and the mooring buoys. As mentioned previously, after this line was run, it was decided that the vessel could not safely collect any more data due to the close proximity of the buoys (denoted by the numerous sailing boats in the figure), the strong river flow and shallow water depths. No further data collection could be carried out around the boat launch also for these reasons.



**Figure 7.5 Seabed sound velocity artefacts**

Figure 7.5 illustrates the strong effects of the freshwater input from the River Aeron on sound velocity in the water column. Taken from a raw MBES coverage chart and seen in the harbour entrance, the sound velocity changes rapidly from brackish to much more saline, which creates these false seabed features or 'smiles' that needed to be rectified during post processing.

## 7.2 Seabed Features

Seabed features are illustrated in [Appendix D3](#), with a side scan sonar mosaic presented as [Appendix D4](#). Seabed features have been interpreted by integrating all acquired survey data as well as referencing client supplied documents and imagery. Side scan sonar data is of adequate quality for the survey area.

Seabed sediments are interpreted to comprise gravel and cobbles associated with glacial till across much of the offshore section in the west of the site ([Appendix C1](#)). This has been ground-truthed during previous seabed imaging surveys (Atkins, 2020). Further inshore, accumulations of sand are clearly seen on both bathymetry and side scan sonar datasets as areas of low reflectivity forming a surficial veneer ([Appendix C2](#)). This is predominantly confined to the south of the site. In the north of the site, side scan sonar data shows reduced acoustic reflectivity with fewer discrete contacts, and as such is interpreted to comprise predominantly gravels. Within the vicinity of the harbour and proposed breakwater, seabed sediments are interpreted to predominantly comprise gravels and silty sand.

A series of groynes are observed on the data to the south of the site, orientated from southeast to northwest and are shown in [Appendix C3](#). A linear contact identified on both the bathymetry and side scan sonar datasets is thought to represent a fish trap as detailed on client supplied infrastructure information ([Appendix C4](#)).

In the northeast of the site, two linear features are observed at seabed heading northwest from the beach as illustrated in [Appendix C5](#). These are not included on the client supplied infrastructure information but are expected to represent outfall pipelines. The more significant interpreted pipeline measures some 200m long, with evidence of trenching associated with it. Both features have associated magnetometer anomalies.

The base of the existing harbour walls are imaged on the bathymetry data, and there is evidence on the side scan sonar of rock dumping associated with the existing breakwater exiting to the north of the northern harbour wall ([Appendix C1](#)).

A total of fourteen objects are interpreted at seabed on the side scan sonar data; thirteen of these are interpreted as boulders and one as linear debris. A list of all sonar contacts are included within the sonar contacts listing deliverable.

Of the boulders picked, the largest identified measures 0.9L x 0.8W x 0.8Hm. Marginal weather conditions throughout the duration of the survey has led to the potential for missed boulders across the site, as cable snatching effects may hide or result in low confidence measurements of seabed contacts. No side scan sonar contacts are interpreted in the vicinity of the proposed breakwater however.

The item of linear debris is interpreted in the west of the site as an item of wire or chain, and measures 16.5m in length and is illustrated in [Appendix C6](#).

A total of 47 magnetometer anomalies not associated with existing infrastructure are interpreted within the survey area, with a higher proportion occurring in the nearshore or harbour areas. These may represent buried debris. A significant magnetometer anomaly measuring 33.3nT/m is interpreted in the vicinity of the proposed breakwater. A list of all magnetometer contacts are included within the magnetometer contacts listing deliverable.

### **7.3 Shallow Soils**

A shallow geological profile along the proposed breakwater centre line (Boomer Line SB\_20201129073830) is presented in [Appendix D5](#). A Boomer data example along the same line is presented as [Appendix C9](#).

Acquired Boomer data is of moderate quality on site during acquisition. The nature of the seabed within the survey area has also resulted in limited penetration into the underlying soils. An assumed seismic velocity of 1700m/s has been used to convert two-way time to depths.

Across the survey area, an intermittent veneer of fine sand is interpreted predominantly from bathymetry and side scan sonar datasets. Due to its' limited thickness, the base of these

sediments are not seen on the boomer data and they are evident only as positive relief features at seabed ([Appendix C7](#)). The extents of these features which are expected to generally be <1m thick have been mapped and are presented in [Appendix D4](#).

Underlying this surficial veneer, glacial till is interpreted comprising clay, sand, gravel and boulders. This is present at seabed across much of the survey area and ground-truthed during previous seabed imaging surveys (Atkins, 2020). Acoustically the till is seismically chaotic with numerous internal events ([Appendix C8](#)). Penetration into this till is limited, assumed to be because of the consolidated nature of the material.

Occasional intermittent reflectors are observed at depths of 10-12m below seabed on the boomer data, which may represent the top of the regional bedrock in the area. Background BGS, as well as Client-supplied information indicate the bedrock in the area to comprise lower Palaeozoic bedrock comprising mudstone, volcanoclastic igneous rock, siltstone and slate. Due to the lack of coherent reflectors the top of the bedrock has not been mapped and thus the Isopachs deliverable and Shallow Geology chart has not been done as there is very little to show.

In the vicinity of the harbour entrance, a faint reflector marking the base of Unit 1 is interpreted deepening gently towards the east ([Appendix C9](#)). Acoustically chaotic, the sediments comprising Unit 1 are interpreted to comprise silt, sand and gravel. These are typically 1.5m thick, deepening in the east to a maximum thickness of 2.5m. The base of Unit 1 has been mapped in [Appendix D5](#).

## APPENDIX A

### DIGITAL DATA

#### Data

##### MBES

Gridded Soundings 1.0m XYZ : 1 x .txt

##### Sonar Contacts

Sonar Contacts : 1x .xlsx

##### Magnetometer

Magnetic Contacts : 1x .xlsx

##### Charts

Bathymetry : 1x .dwg/pdf

Shaded Relief : 1x .dwg/pdf

Seabed Features : 1x .dwg/pdf

SSS Mosaic : 1x .dwg/pdf

Interpreted geological profiles : 1x .dwg/pdf

#### Reports

Daily Progress Reports : 10 x .pdf

Field Ops Report : 1 x .pdf

Client: Quantum Geotechnics  
Project Title: Aberaeron Geophysical Site Investigation  
Titan Report Ref: CS0590\_Aberaeron\_Geophysical\_V1



## APPENDIX B


### TITAN QUALITY ASSURANCE

- B.1 Geodetic Information
- B.2 Vessel Offset Diagram
- B.3 Static Navigation Verification
- B.4 Survey Navigation Comparison
- B.5 Heading Verification
- B.6 MBES Patch Test

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## **B.1 GEODETIC INFORMATION**

|   |  |                                   |  |   |  |                    |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|--|
|  |  |                                   |  | <b>TQA004</b><br><b>Navigation &amp; Geodesy</b>    |  |                    |  |
| <b>Client:</b>  |  | Quantum Geotechnics               |  | <b>Issued By:</b>                                   |  | SF                 |  |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  |  | Aberaeron Geophysical Site Invest |  | <b>Checked By:</b>                                  |  | MI                 |  |
| <b>Project Code:</b>  |  | CS0590                            |  | <b>Approved By:</b>                                 |  | <i>[Signature]</i> |  |
| <b>Geodetic Summary</b>   |  |                                   |  |   |  |                    |  |
| <b>Coordinate System Group:</b>   |  | OSGB36                            |  | <b>Vertical Datum:</b>                              |  | ODN                |  |
| <b>Zone:</b>  |  | N/A                               |  | <b>Reduction Method:</b>                            |  | OSGM15             |  |
| <b>Datum Transformation:</b>  |  | OSTN15 (From ETRS89)              |  |   |  |                    |  |
| <b>Navigation System Datum:</b>   |  | ETRS89                            |  | <b>Semi Major Axis</b>                              |  | 6378137            |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Semi Minor Axis</b>                              |  | 6356752.3142       |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Flattening (1/f)</b>                             |  | 298.25722356301    |  |
| <b>Job Datum:</b>   |  | OSGB36 (AIRY1830)                 |  | <b>Semi Major Axis</b>                              |  | 6377563.396        |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Semi Minor Axis</b>                              |  | 6356256.910        |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Inverse Flattening (1/f)</b>                     |  | 299.320            |  |
| <b>Projection:</b>  |  | Transverse Mercator               |  | <b>Central Latitude</b>                             |  | 49° North          |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Central Longitude</b>                            |  | 2° West            |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>False Northing</b>                               |  | -100000            |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>False Easting</b>                                |  | 400000             |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Scale Factor</b>                                 |  | 0.9996             |  |
| <b>Datum Transformation from Navigation System Datum to Job Datum:</b>            |  |                                   |  | <b>Rotation X (secs)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Rotation Y (secs)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Rotation Z (secs)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Scale Faction (ppm)</b>                          |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Translation X (m)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Translation Y (m)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
|   |  |                                   |  | <b>Translation Z (m)</b>                            |  | 0                  |  |
| <b>Test Point Calculation from Navigation System Datum to Job Datum</b>           |  |                                   |  |   |  |                    |  |
| <b>Latitude</b>   |  | 52 14 42.119 N                    |  | <b>Easting</b>                                      |  | 245410.960 E       |  |
| <b>Longitude</b>  |  | 04 15 56.610 W                    |  | <b>Northing</b>                                     |  | 263178.780 N       |  |
| <b>Height</b>   |  | 60                                |  | <b>Height</b>                                       |  | 5.8456             |  |
| <b>Primary Navigation System</b>  |  |                                   |  | <b>Secondary Navigation System</b>                  |  |                    |  |
| <b>GPS System:</b>  |  | SPS 751                           |  | <b>GPS System:</b>                                  |  | CSI VS130          |  |
| <b>Differential Corrections:</b>  |  | RTK (VRSNow)                      |  | <b>Differential Corrections:</b>                    |  | DGPS               |  |
| <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ network:</b>                               |  | Internet                          |  | <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ network:</b> |  | SBAS               |  |
| <b>Differential Base Station:</b>   |  | Site Name: N/A                    |  | <b>Differential Base Station:</b>                   |  | Site Name: N/A     |  |
|   |  | Latitude: N/A                     |  |   |  | Latitude: N/A      |  |
|   |  | Longitude: N/A                    |  |   |  | Longitude: N/A     |  |
|   |  | Frequency: N/A                    |  |   |  | Frequency: N/A     |  |
|   |  | Nominal Range: N/A                |  |   |  | Nominal Range: N/A |  |

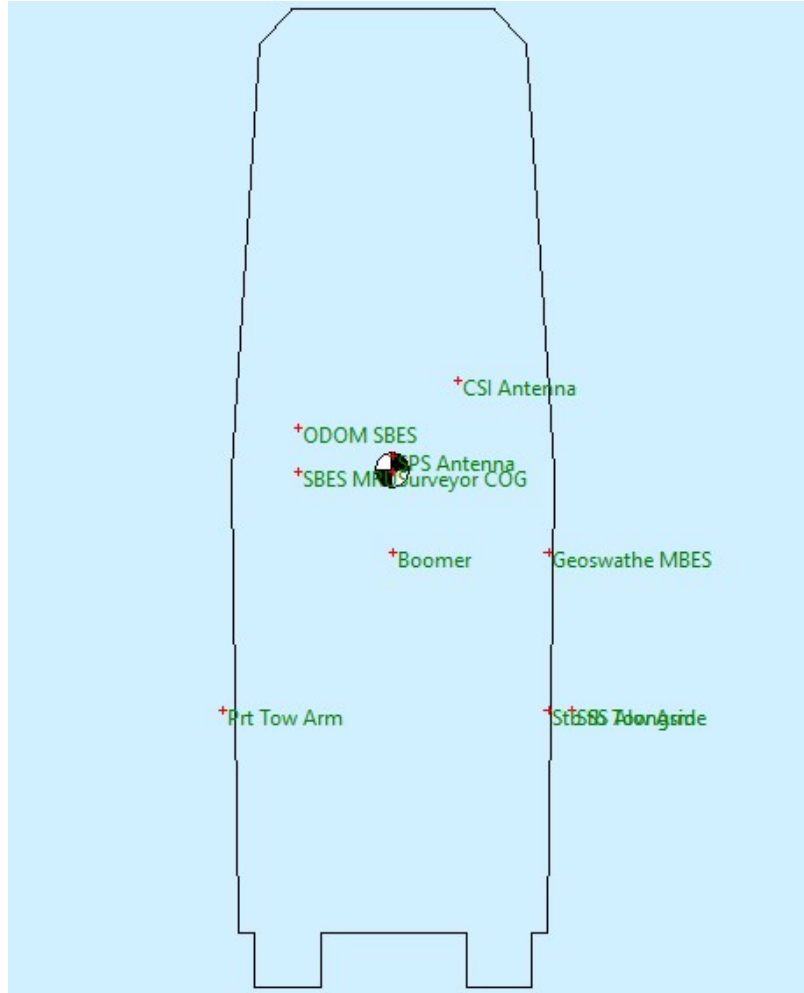
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## **B.2 VESSEL OFFSET DIAGRAM**

|                      |                    |                      |  |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
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| <b>Project Code:</b> | CS0590             | <b>Personnel:</b>    | MI GJ KJ                                 |
| <b>Vessel:</b>       | Titan Surveyor     |                      |  |

**Diagram:**



| Offsets            | X (m)  | Y (m)  | Z (m)  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Boomer             | 0.000  | -0.753 | 0.000  |
| CSI Antenna        | 0.610  | 0.852  | 2.151  |
| Geoswathe MBES     | 1.440  | -0.750 | -0.840 |
| ODOM SBES          | -0.900 | 0.400  | -0.300 |
| Port Tow Arm       | -1.598 | -2.240 | 1.711  |
| SBES MRU           | -0.900 | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| SPS Antenna        | 0.000  | 0.150  | 3.716  |
| Stbd SSS Alongside | 1.440  | -2.240 | 0.500  |
| Starboard Tow Arm  | 1.673  | -2.240 | 1.711  |
| Titan Surveyor CoG | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.000  |

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## **B.3 STATIC NAVIGATION VERIFICATION**



## TQA017a Navigation Verification

|                        |                                   |                        |                |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Client:</b>         | Quantum Geotechnics               | <b>Vessel:</b>         | Titan Surveyor |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | Aberaeron Geophysical Site Invest | <b>Collected By:</b>   | MI, GJ, KJ     |
| <b>Project Code:</b>   | CS0590                            | <b>Processed By:</b>   | FD             |
| <b>Date Collected:</b> | 12/11/2020                        | <b>Date Processed:</b> | 16/11/2020     |

### Geodetic Summary

|                          |                |                                 |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Occupied Station:</b> | Titan Surveyor | <b>Coordinate System Group:</b> | British Grid |
| <b>Station Code:</b>     |                | <b>Zone:</b>                    | OSGB36       |
| <b>Date Occupied:</b>    | 12/11/2020     | <b>Datum Transformation:</b>    | OSTN15       |

### Primary Equipment Used

|                    |        |   |                |
|--------------------|--------|---|----------------|
| <b>GPS System:</b> | SPS751 | <b>Differential Correction:</b>                     | RTK (VRSNow)   |
| <b>Frequency:</b>  | 1Hz    | <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ Network:</b> | NTRIP/Internet |

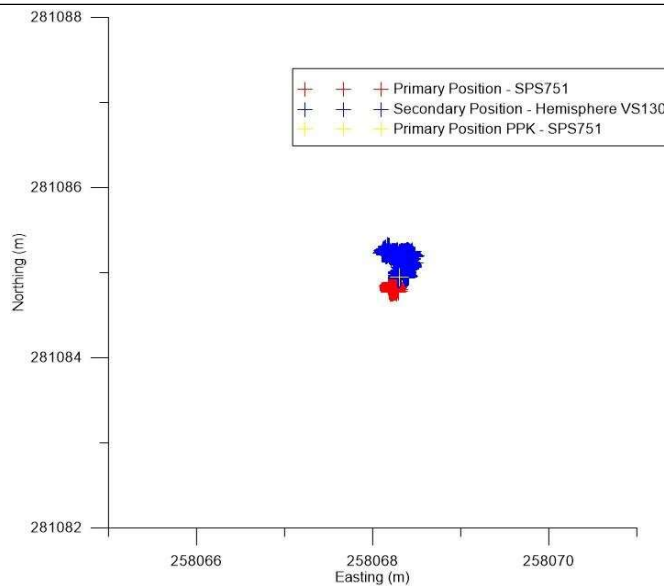
### Secondary Equipment Used

|                    |                  |   |      |
|--------------------|------------------|---|------|
| <b>GPS System:</b> | Hemisphere VS130 | <b>Differential Correction:</b>                     | DGPS |
| <b>Frequency:</b>  | 1Hz              | <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ Network:</b> | SBAS |

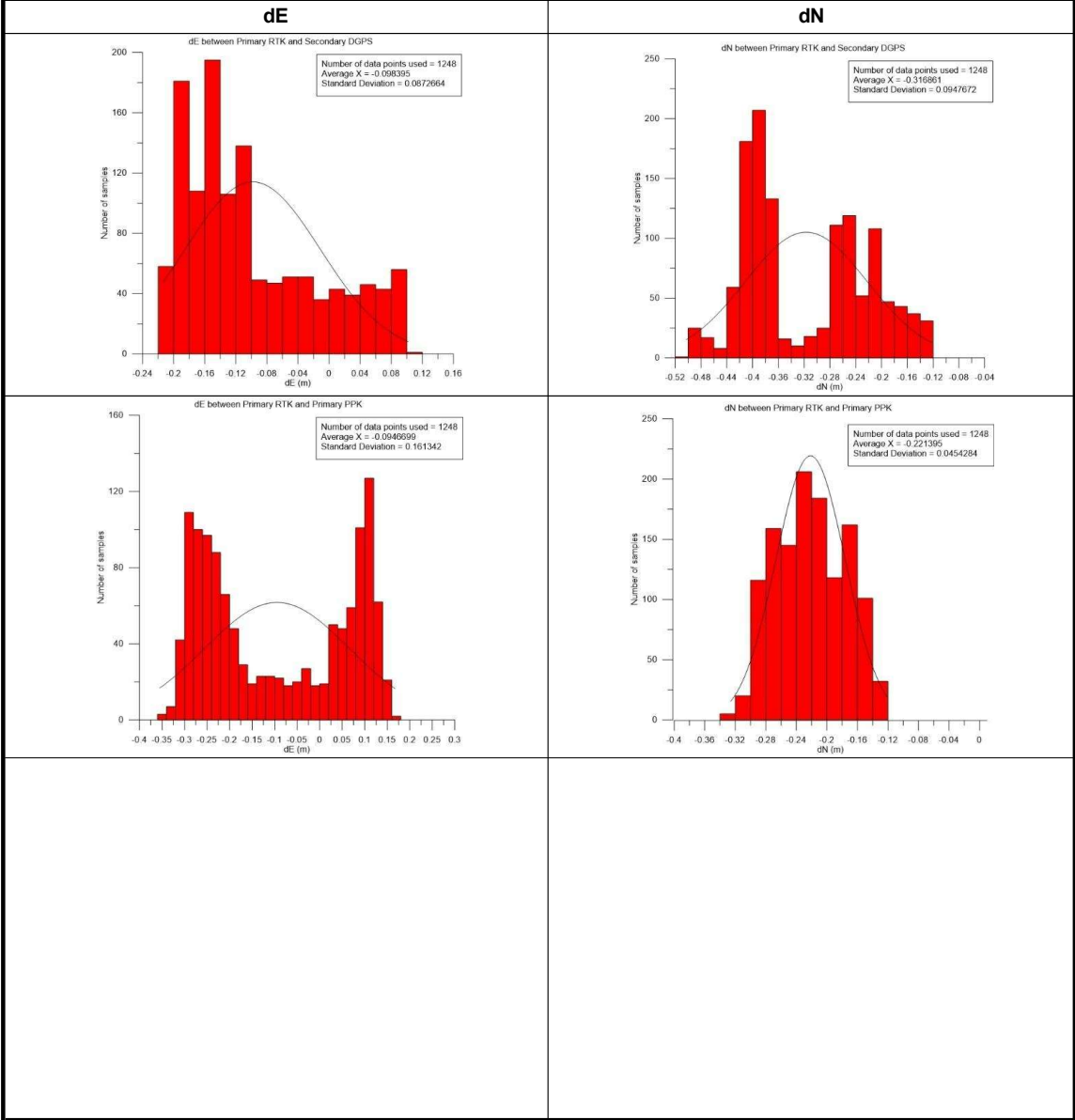
### Results

|                                       |     |        |     |        |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| <b>Primary RTK vs Secondary DGPS:</b> | dE: | -0.098 | dN: | -0.317 |
| <b>Primary RPK vs Primary PPK:</b>    | dE: | -0.095 | dN: | -0.221 |

### Scatter Plot



## Histograms



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## **B.4 SURVEY NAVIGATION COMPARISON**



## TQA017c Survey Navigation Comparison

|                         |  |                        |                |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Client:</b>          | Quantum Geotechnical                     | <b>Vessel:</b>         | Titan Surveyor |
| <b>Project Name:</b>    | Aberaeron Geophysical Site Investigation | <b>Processed By:</b>   | GJ             |
| <b>Project Code:</b>    | CS0590                                   | <b>Date Processed:</b> | 15/12/2020     |
| <b>Dates Collected:</b> | 26/11/2020 to 29/11/2020                 |                        |                |

### Geodetic Summary

|                          |                         |                                 |              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Occupied Station:</b> | Titan Surveyor          | <b>Coordinate System Group:</b> | British Grid |
| <b>Station Code:</b>     |                         | <b>Zone:</b>                    | OSGB15       |
| <b>Date Occupied:</b>    | 26/11/2020 - 29/11/2020 | <b>Datum Transformation:</b>    | OSTN15       |

### Primary Equipment Used

|                    |                 |   |                |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|----------------|
| <b>GPS System:</b> | Trimble SPS 751 | <b>Differential Correction:</b>                     | RTK (VRSNow)   |
| <b>Frequency:</b>  | 1 Hz            | <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ Network:</b> | NTRIP/Internet |

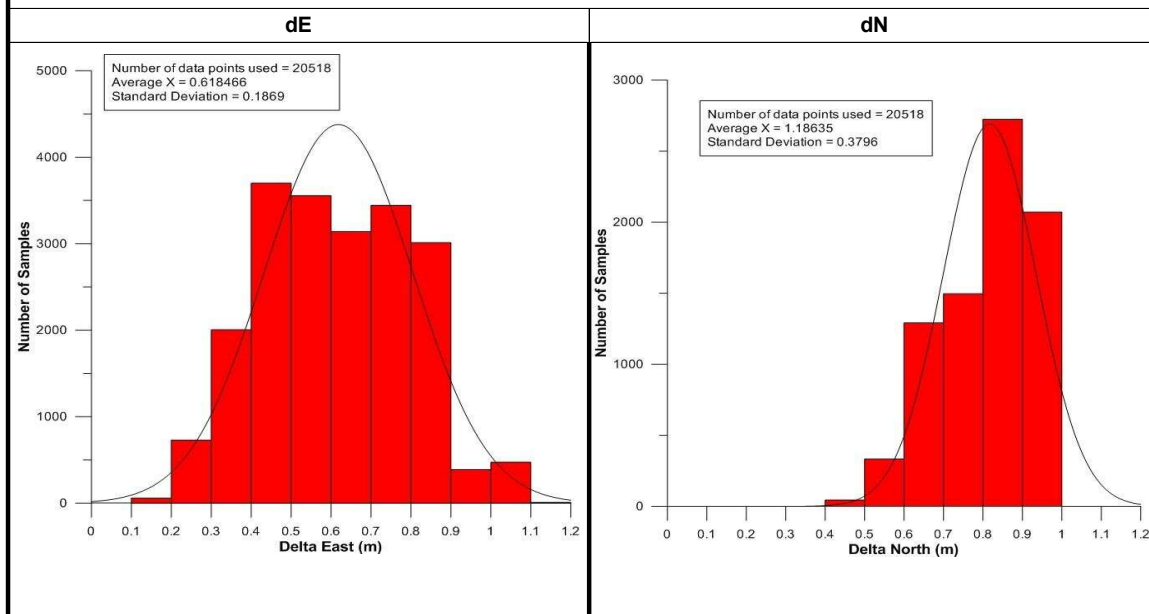
### Secondary Equipment Used

|                    |                  |   |      |
|--------------------|------------------|---|------|
| <b>GPS System:</b> | Hemisphere VS130 | <b>Differential Correction:</b>                     | DGPS |
| <b>Frequency:</b>  | 1 Hz             | <b>Differential Base Station Operator/ Network:</b> | SBAS |

### Results

|                                      |            |             |            |             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Primary RTK vs Secondary DGPS</b> | <b>dE:</b> | <b>0.62</b> | <b>dN:</b> | <b>1.19</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|

#### Position Results



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## **B.5 HEADING VERIFICATION**



## TQA038 Gyro Verification

|                        |                                     |                        |                |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
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| <b>Project Code:</b>   | CS0590                              | <b>Processed By:</b>   | FD             |
| <b>Date Collected:</b> | 12/11/2020                          | <b>Date Processed:</b> | 16/11/2020     |

### Geodetic Summary

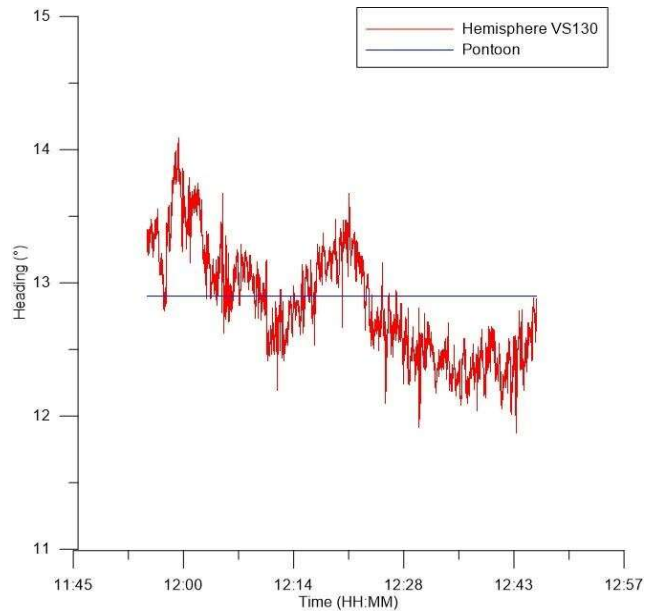
|                          |                |                          |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Occupied Station:</b> | Titan Surveyor | <b>Coordinate System</b> |              |
| <b>Station Code:</b>     |                | <b>Group:</b>            | British Grid |
| <b>Date Occupied:</b>    | 12/11/2020     | <b>Zone:</b>             | OSGB36       |
|                          |                | <b>Datum</b>             |              |
|                          |                | <b>Transformation:</b>   | OSTN15       |

### Equipment Used

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Primary:</b> | Hemisphere VS130 |
|-----------------|------------------|

### Results

**Time Series Plot**



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## **B.6 MBES PATCH TEST**

|                                       |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Client:</b> Quantum Geotechnic Ltd | <b>Project Name:</b> Aberaeron  | <b>Project Code:</b> CS0590 |
| <b>Date:</b> 29/11/2020               |                                 |                             |
| <b>Information:</b>                   | Geoacoustics Swathe Calibration |                             |
| <b>Vessel:</b>                        | MV Titan Surveyor               |                             |

**Overview:**

A patch test was completed on the 27/11/2020 (Roll Lines) and 29/11/2020(Pitch/Yaw Lines) to establish the correct motion sensor offset angles for the Geoswath Swathe system on board the MV Titan Surveyor. The patch test consisted of setting the motion sensor offset values in the Geoswath Plus acquisition software to 0.00, and running the standard set of patch test lines to acquire calibration values for latency, attitude latency, roll, pitch and yaw.

The Roll lines calibration site chosen was located at a North of Aberaeron over a flat area of seabed. (52°15'34.91271"N / 4°18'27.59228"W)

The Pitch lines calibration was located North West of Aberystwyth (52°26'12.5878"N/ 4°15'42.2495"W)

The calibration lines were planned using the online QPS QINSy Software, data was acquired using the GS4 acquisition software, and processed using GS4 processing Suite.

**Summary and Results:**

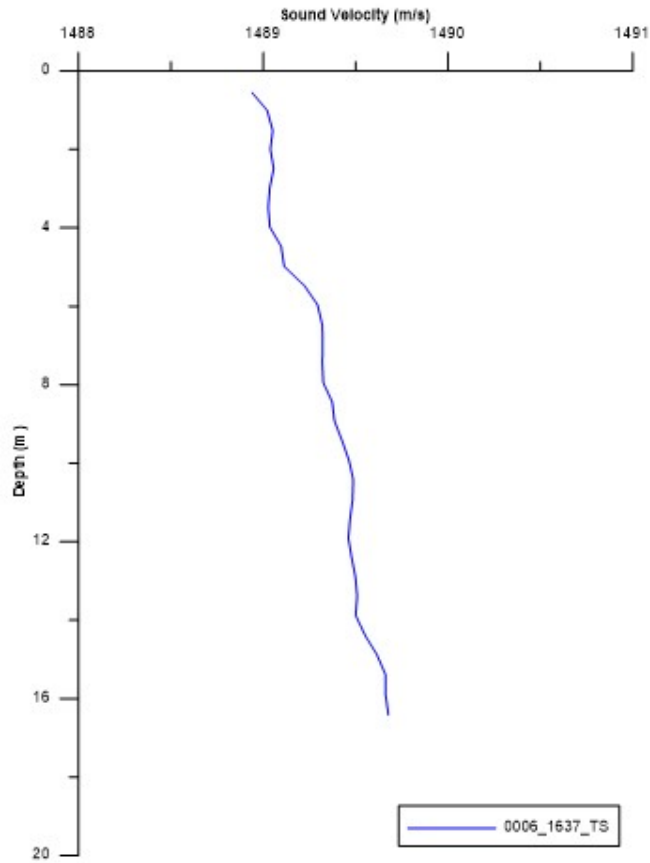
|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Date</b>        | <b>29/11/2020</b> |
| <b>Job No.</b>     | <b>CS0590</b>     |
| <b>Latency</b>     | <b>0.000</b>      |
| <b>MRU Latency</b> | <b>0.030</b>      |
| <b>Roll Port</b>   | <b>-0.16°</b>     |
| <b>Roll Stbd</b>   | <b>0.68°</b>      |
| <b>Pitch Port</b>  | <b>-1.27°</b>     |
| <b>Pitch Stbd</b>  | <b>0.27°</b>      |
| <b>Yaw Port</b>    | <b>5.08°</b>      |
| <b>Yaw Stbd</b>    | <b>3.36°</b>      |
| <b>Comments</b>    |                   |

The calibration lines were created as advised by Kongsberg GeoAcoustics for the GS4 system; main lines were run parallel to each other in opposite directions across the selected patch test site for roll and pitch/yaw calculations. An additional line over a flat seabed was run perpendicular to the current/tide/wind (for maximum roll in the vessel) to calculate the MRU latency.

### Sound Velocity Summary

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Downcast mean velocity:</b> | 1492.25 m/s |
| <b>Surface velocity:</b>       | 1491.17 m/s |
| <b>Mini SVS:</b>               | 1491.44 m/s |
| <b>Surface temperature:</b>    | 10.74 °C    |
| <b>Mean temperature:</b>       | 11.11 °C    |

CS0590 Aberaeron Geophysical Site Investigation Sound Velocity 2020/11/27



**Sound Velocity Graph**

A visual comparison was made between the data from the SVP and the value of the SVS positioned on the transducer head and both sets of data were found to agree to within 0.3 m/s.

## **Calibration Procedure**

### **Latency**

A latency correction value of 0.00s remained as no correction is required. This is due to the GS4 system on the MV Titan Surveyor receiving 1PPS directly from the GPS navigation system and therefore mitigating the need for a latency calibration.

### **Roll**

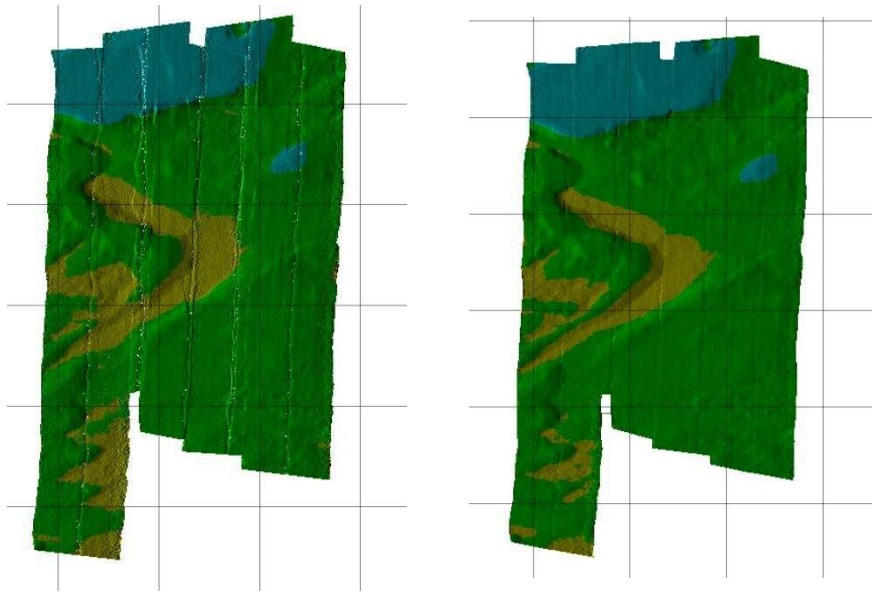
To determine the Roll correction, two lines were run parallel to each other over a flat seabed in opposite directions to determine the effect on the GS4 MBES head. Two parallel lines were run in order to achieve full overlap of the Port or Starboard transducers for best calculations to be achieved.

### **Pitch/Yaw**

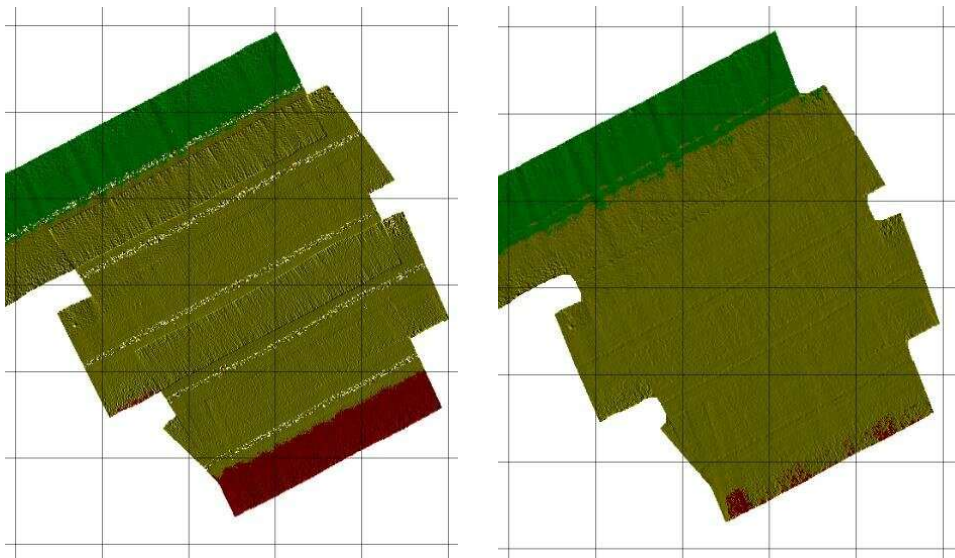
To determine the Pitch and Yaw correction, two lines were run parallel to each other over a seabed feature in opposite directions to determine the effect on the GS4 MBES head. Two parallel lines were run in order to achieve full overlap of the Port or Starboard transducers for the best calculations to be achieved.

## Results

The patch test values were re-computed and applied to the Titan Surveyor GS4 MBES configuration. The GS4 MBES data collected during the patch test on 29/11/2020 was reprocessed with the patch test values with results shown below before and after application of the values.



Pitch and Yaw lines Pre-application and post application of the calibration results



Roll lines Pre-application and post application of the calibration results

## Methodology

The calibration area were chosen to evaluate the different calibration factors using various criteria as follows:

1. Precise surface positioning.
2. Uniform water mass, avoiding areas with marked thermoclines.
3. Calibration performed in good survey weather.
4. Flat area for evaluation of roll error.
5. Significant seabed feature for evaluation of the pitch and heading error.

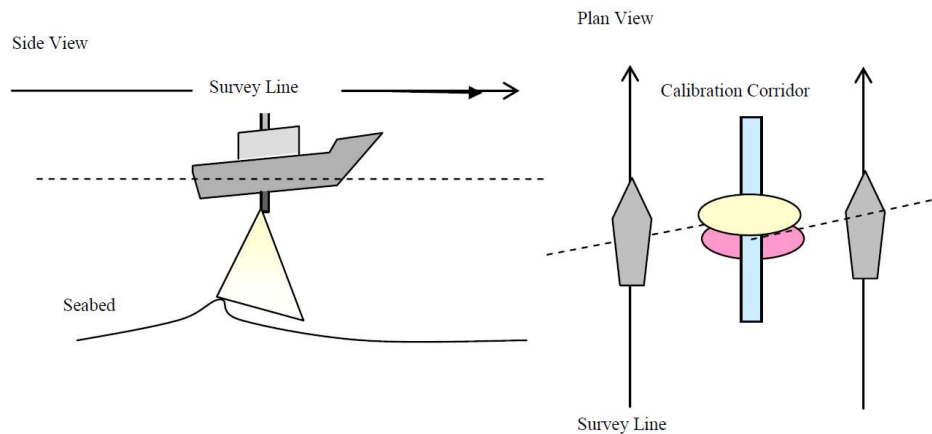
In the determination of angular errors, the greater the water depth, the more apparent the system errors become in the bathymetric data, and the easier they are to evaluate.

A significant linear feature, such as a wreck or ridge is desirable to evaluate any positioning delay. To reduce the effect of any angular errors it is preferable to find such a feature in shallower water.

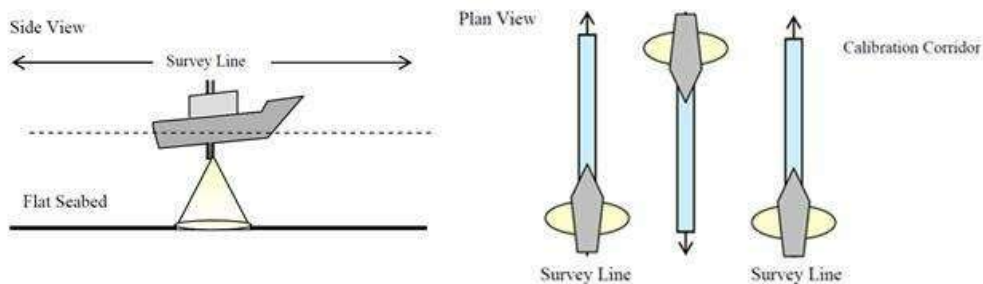
Below describes the methods used for determining each set of results.

## Pitch Calibration

Pitch calibrations required the survey vessel to steam at constant speed along 3 to 5 parallel and adjacent lines over a well-defined feature to determine the effects on the transducer heads.

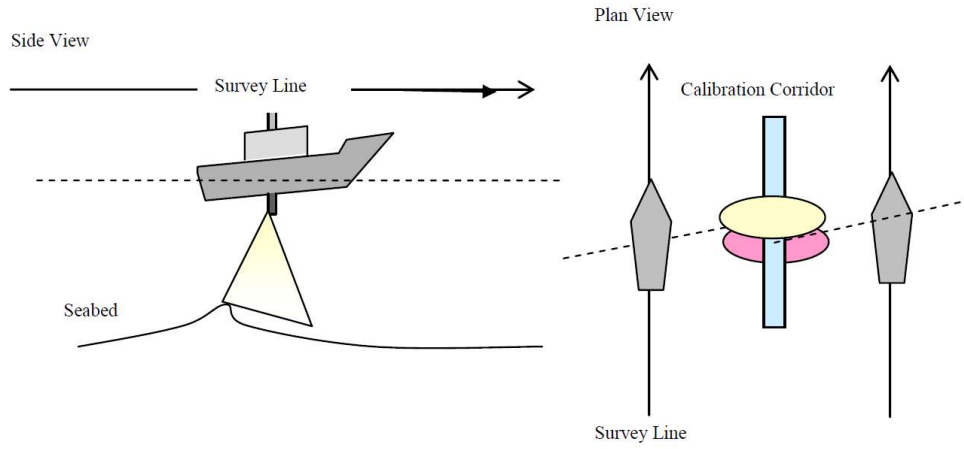


## Roll Calibration



### Horizontal Alignment Error (Yaw)

Yaw calibrations required the survey vessel to steam at constant speed along three parallel and adjacent lines over a well-defined feature to determine the effects on the transducer heads.



## **APPENDIX C**

### **DATA EXAMPLES**

- C.1 SSS line. Illustrating gravels, cobbles and boulders
- C.2 SSS line. Illustrating silty sand
- C.3 SSS line. Illustrating fish trap and groynes
- C.4 Data montage illustrating fish trap and groynes
- C.5 Data montage illustrating interpreted outfall pipelines
- C.6 SSS line. Illustrating linear debris
- C.7 Boomer line Illustrating typical nearshore profile
- C.8 Boomer line Illustrating typical offshore profile
- C.9 Boomer line Illustrating proposed breakwater centre line profile

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## **C.1 SSS LINE. ILLUSTRATING GRAVELS, COBBLES AND BOULDERS**

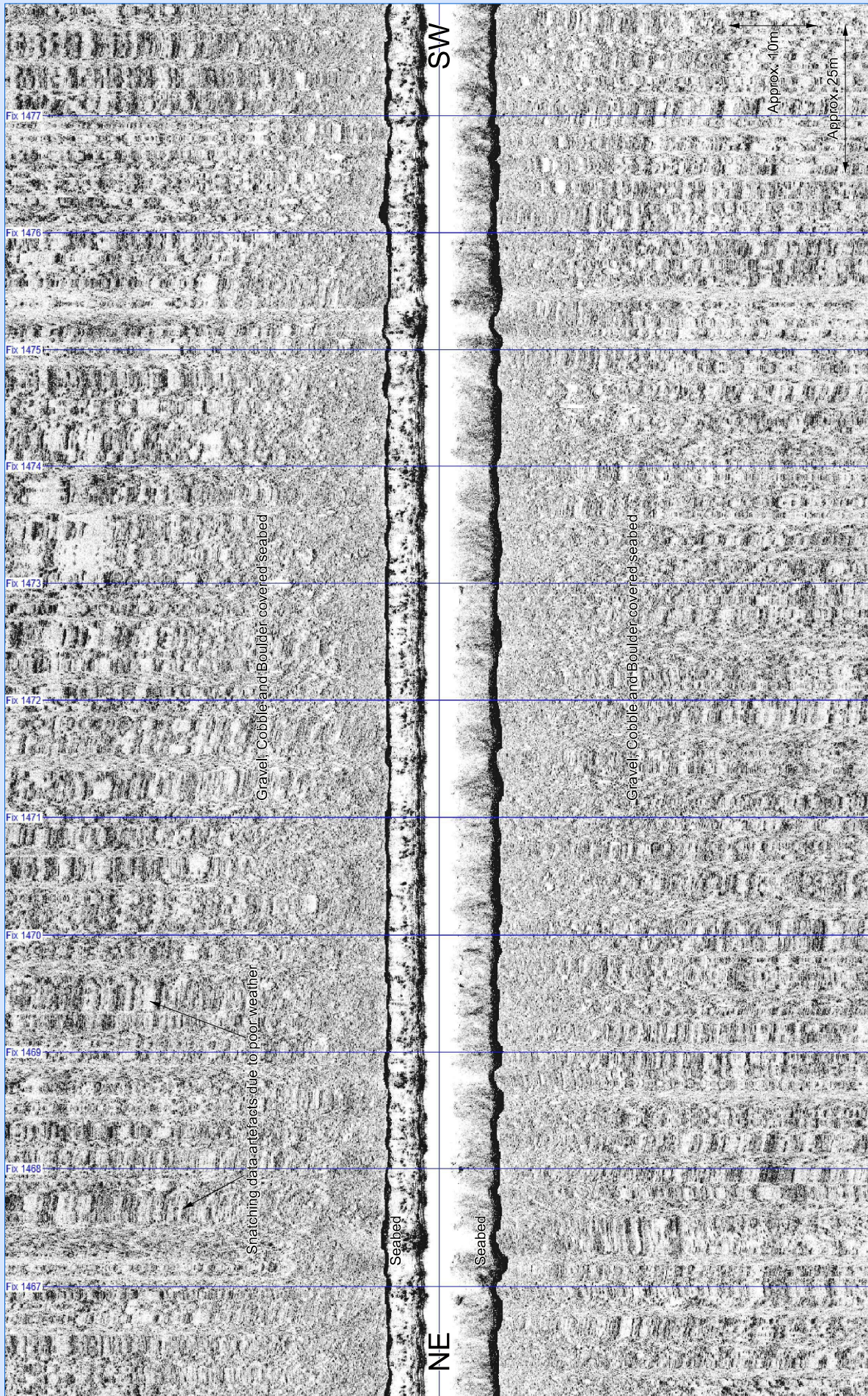


Figure 1.1

SIDE SCAN SONAR  
Illustrating Gravel, Cobble and Boulder sediments

Line 20201126\_M-1bH

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## **C.2 SSS LINE. ILLUSTRATING SILTY SAND**

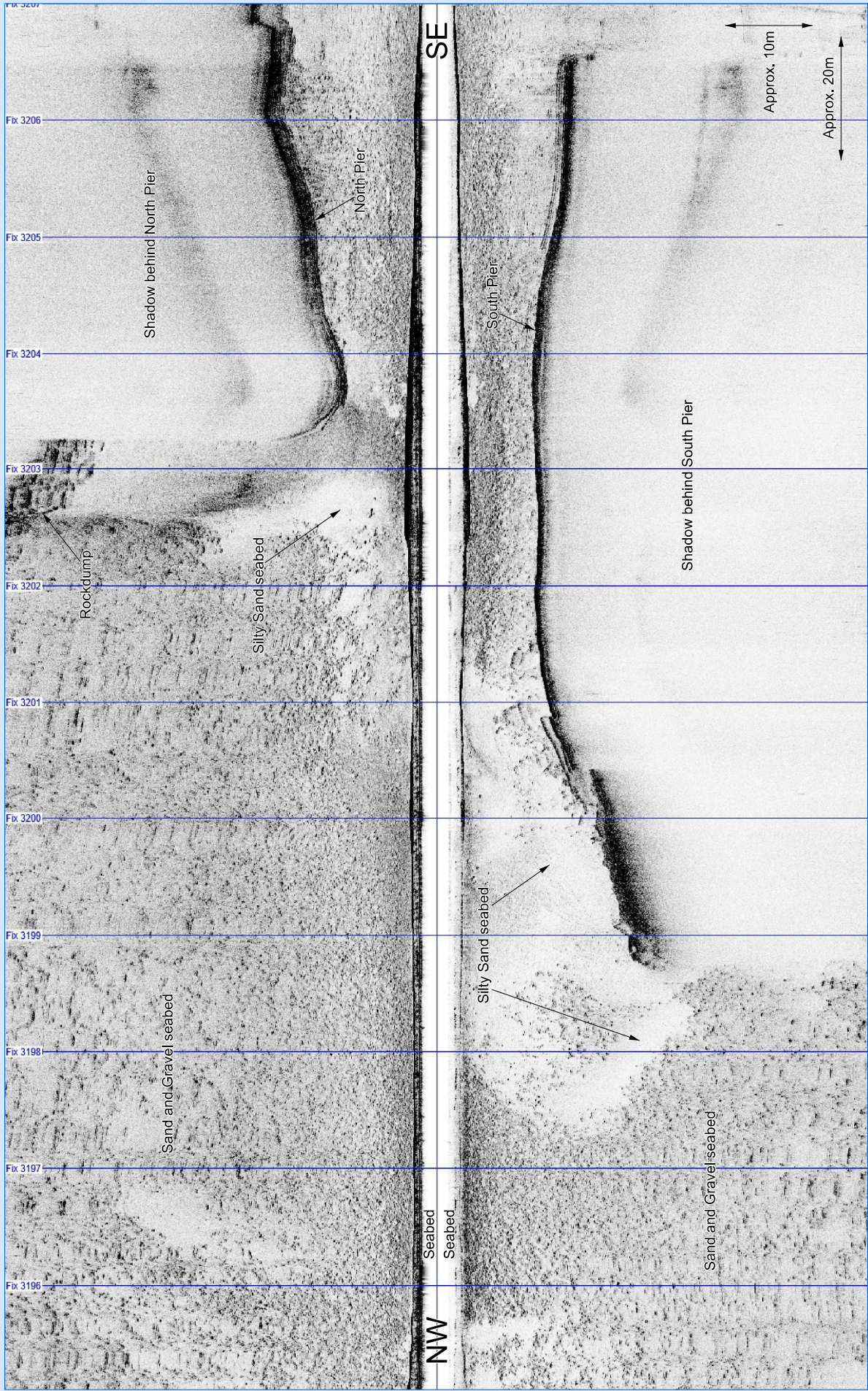


Figure 1.2

SIDE SCAN SONAR  
Illustrating Silty Sand sediments

Line 20201129\_HM-2aH

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### **C.3 SSS LINE. ILLUSTRATING FISH TRAP AND GROYNES**

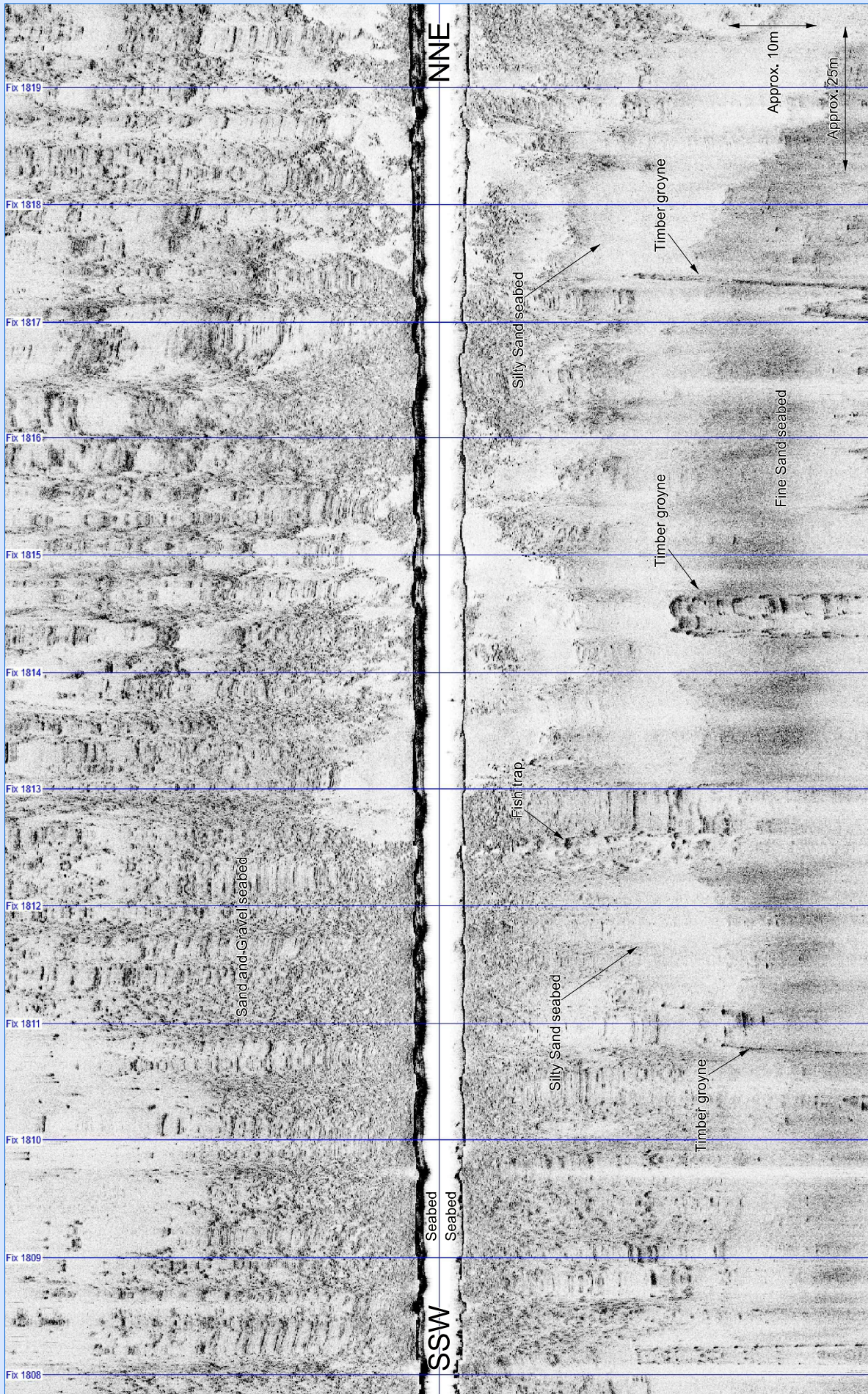


Figure 1.3

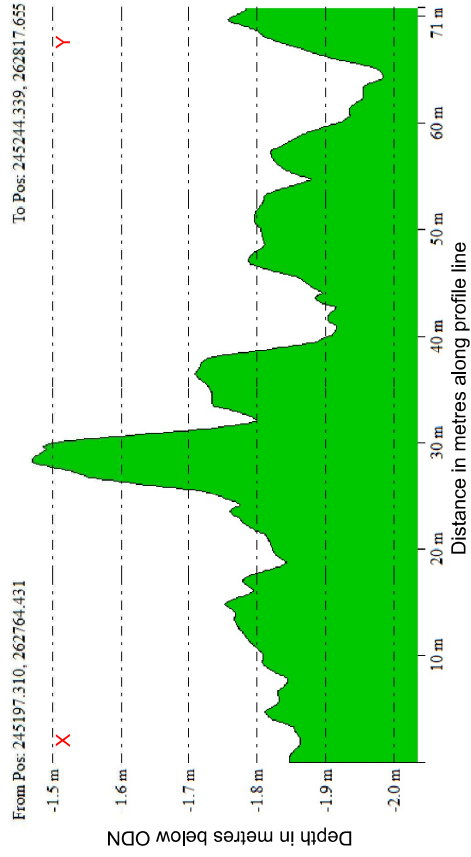
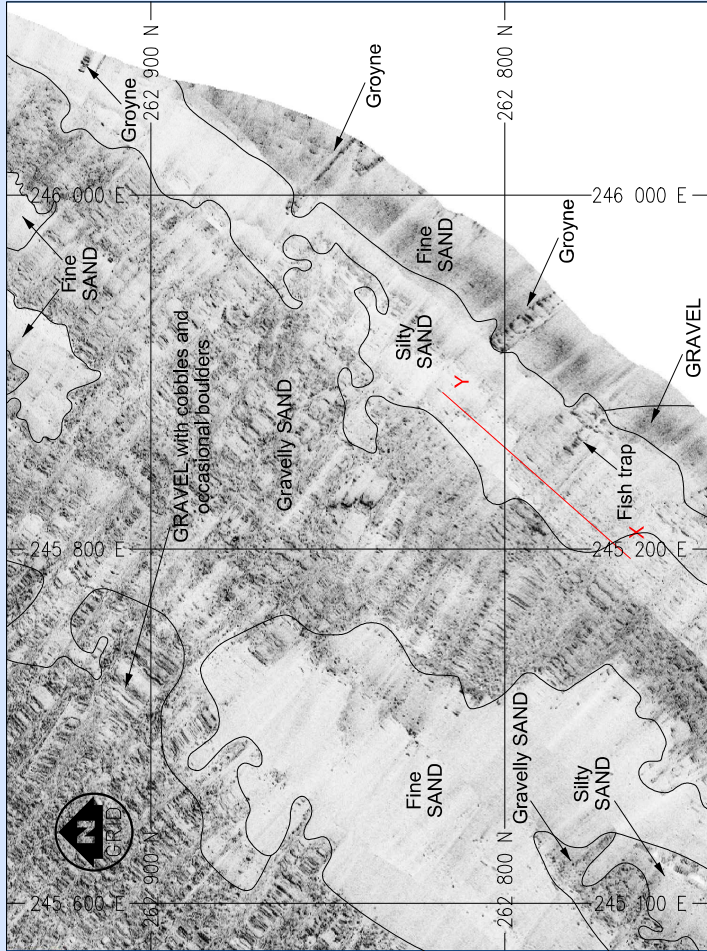
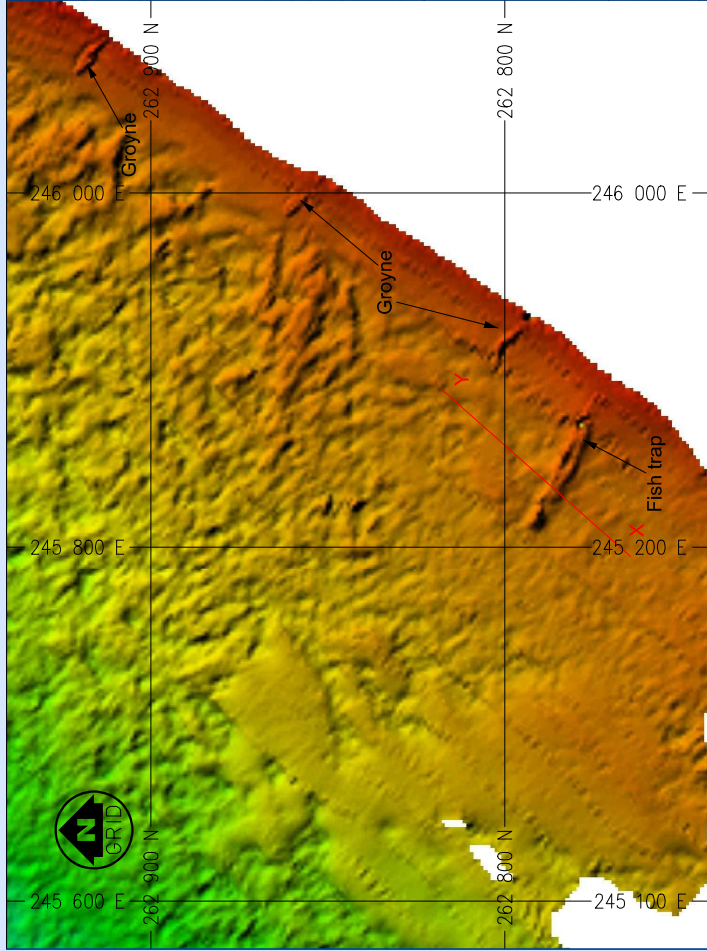
SIDE SCAN SONAR  
Illustrating fish trap and groyne

Line 20201126\_M-5H

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## **C.4 DATA MONTAGE ILLUSTRATING FISH TRAP AND GROYNES**

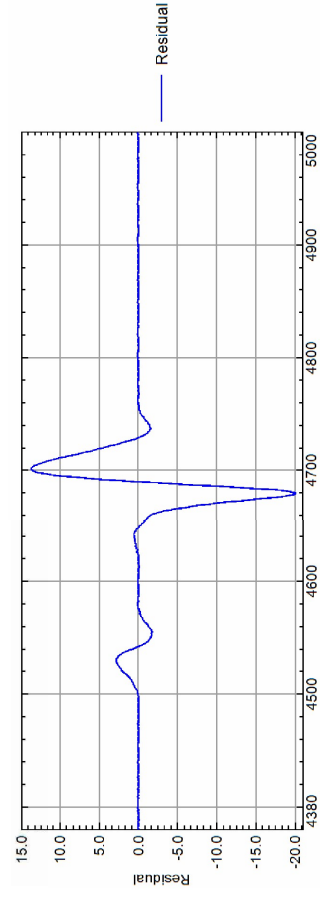
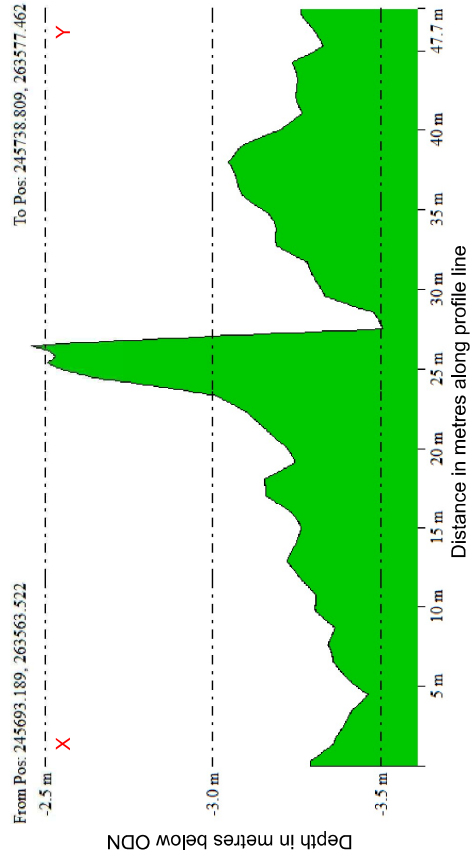
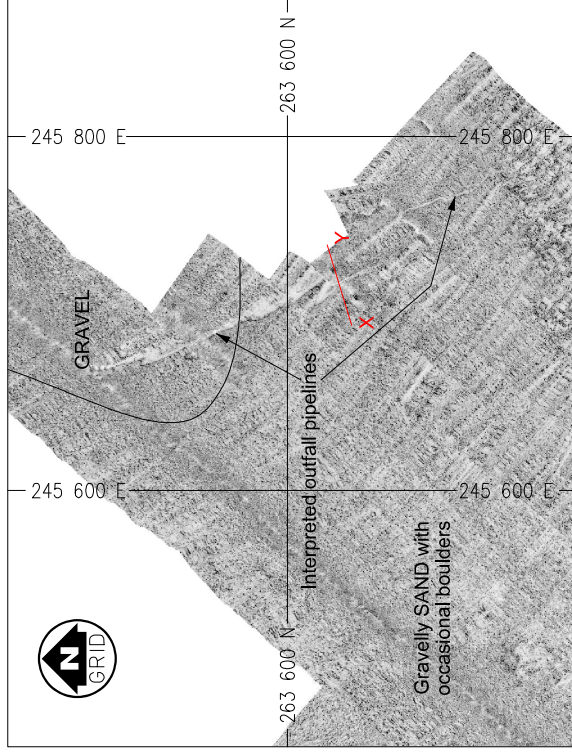
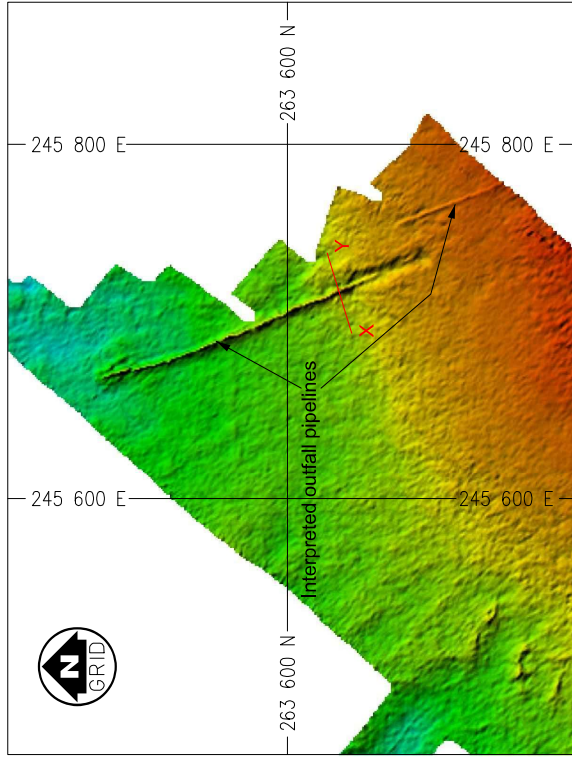


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## **C.5 DATA MONTAGE ILLUSTRATING INTERPRETED OUTFALL**

### **PIPELINES**



Scale 1 : 4000  
Ordnance Survey OSTN15/British National Grid

DATA MONTAGE  
Illustrating interpreted outfall pipelines

Figure 1.5

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## **C.6 SSS LINE. ILLUSTRATING LINEAR DEBRIS**

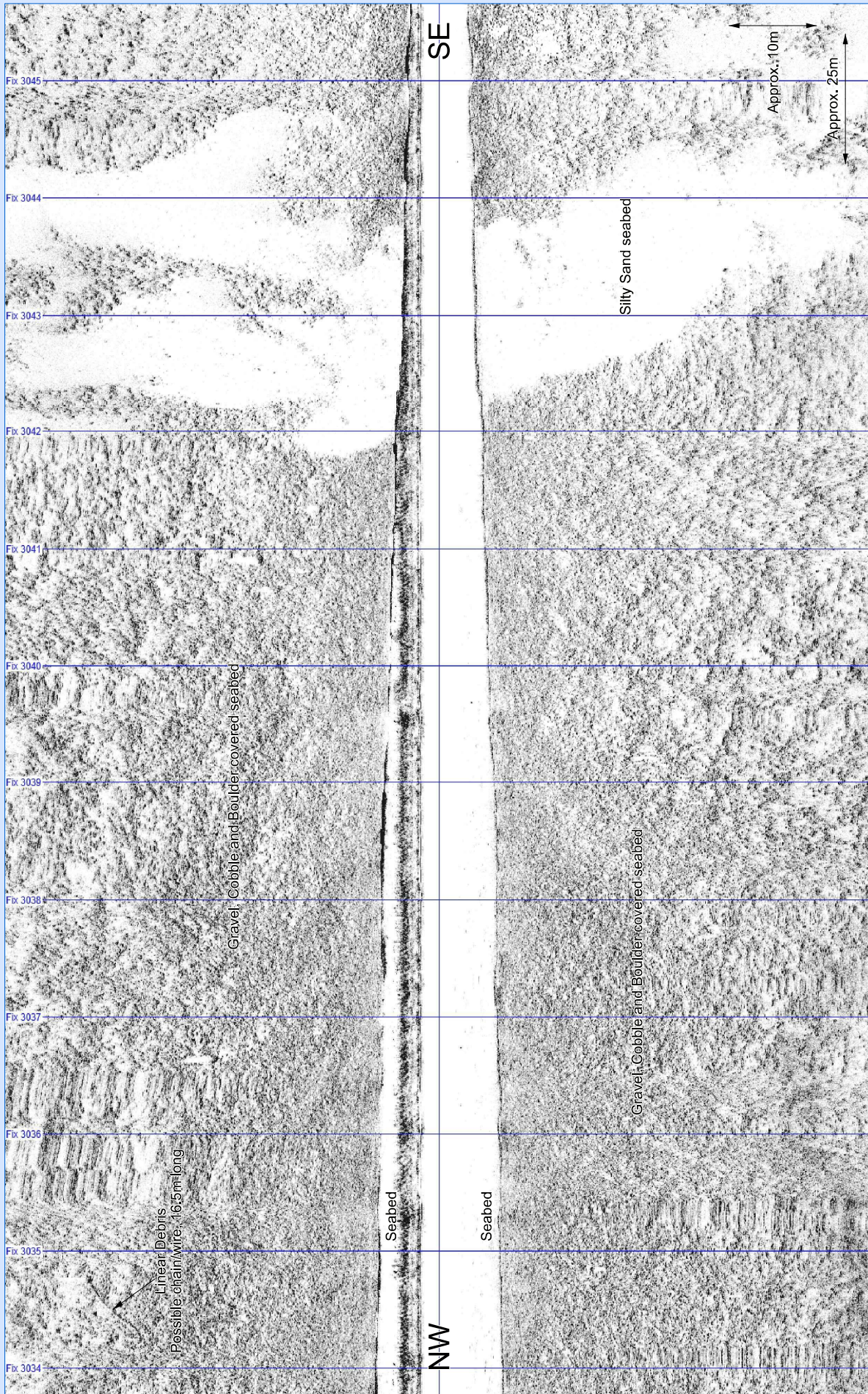


Figure 1.6

SIDE SCAN SONAR  
Illustrating linear debris

Line 20201119\_MX-3H

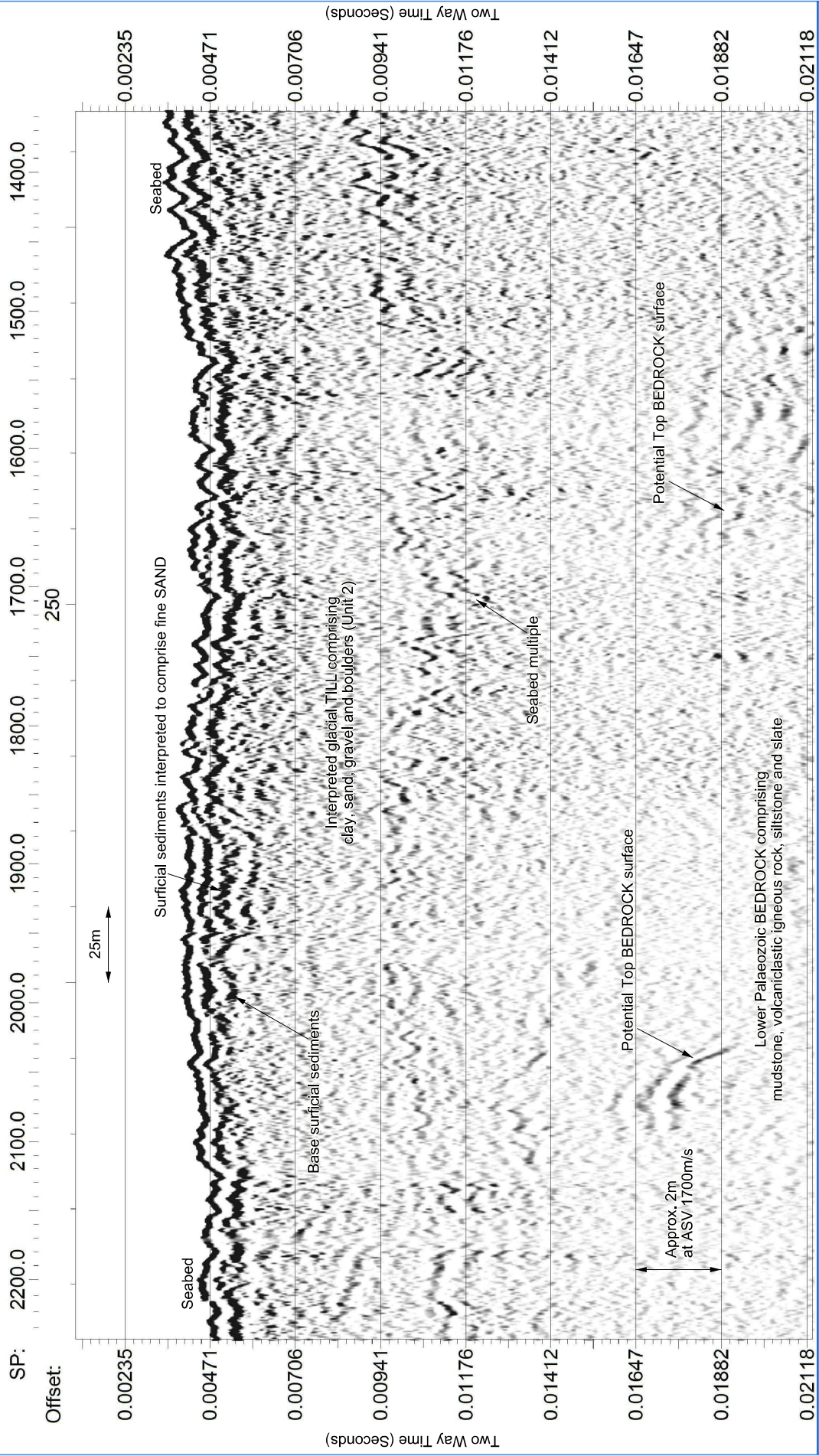
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## **C.7 BOOMER LINE ILLUSTRATING TYPICAL NEARSHORE PROFILE**

SW

NE



Line SB\_20201126165521

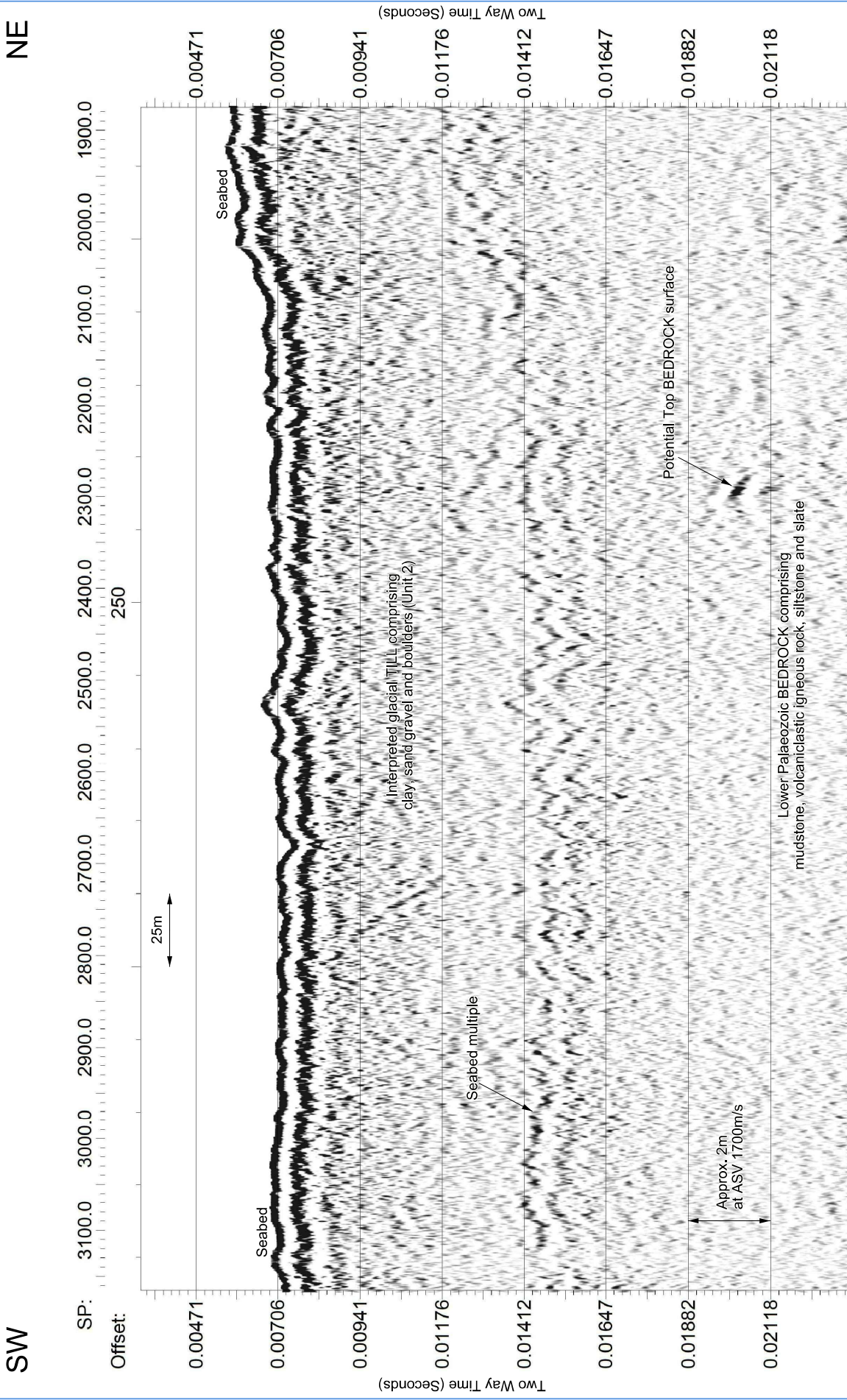
BOOMER  
Illustrating typical nearshore profile

Figure 1.7

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## **C.8 BOOMER LINE ILLUSTRATING TYPICAL OFFSHORE PROFILE**



Line SB\_20201126140005

BOOMER

Illustrating typical offshore profile

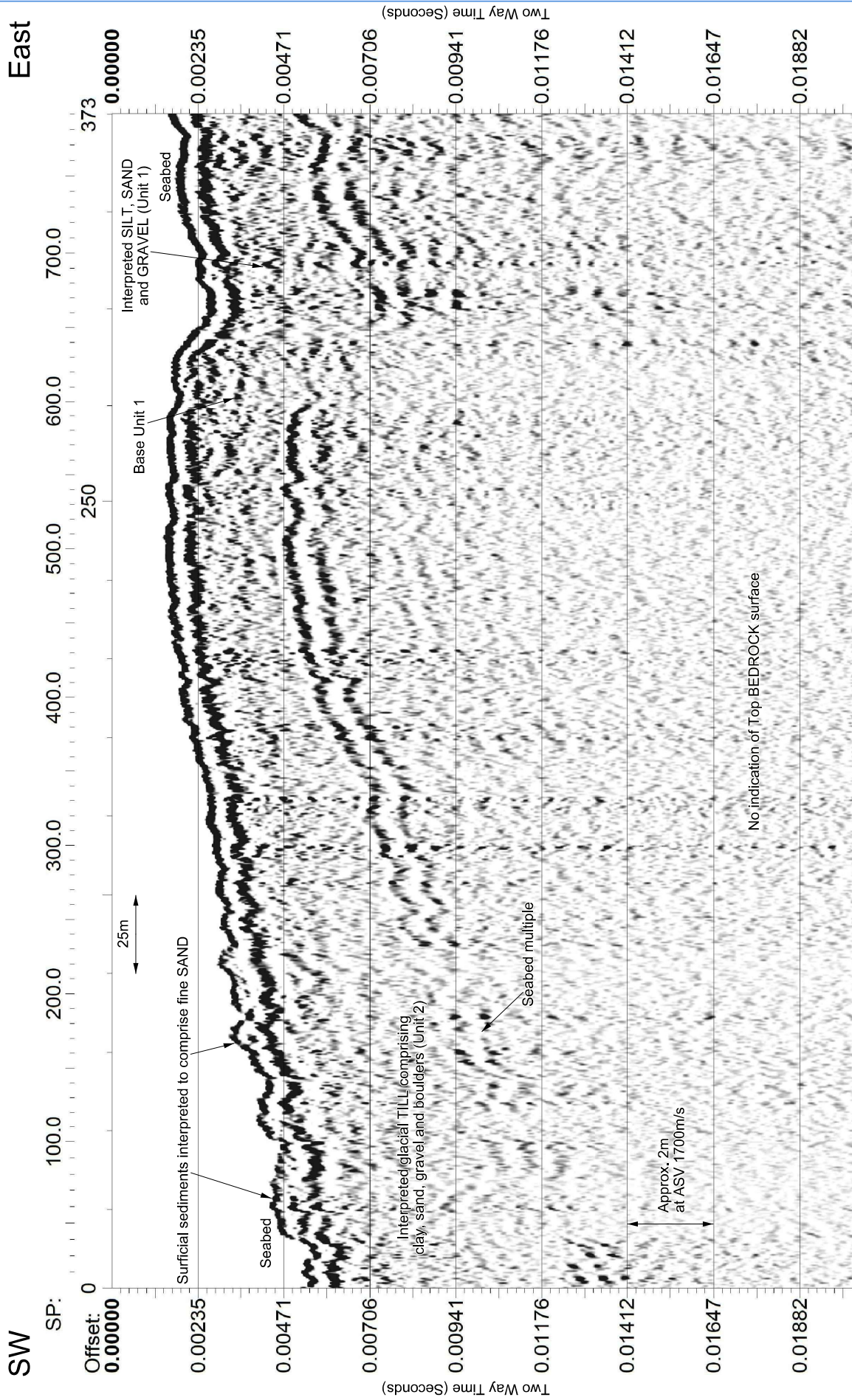
Figure 1.8

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## **C.9 BOOMER LINE ILLUSTRATING PROPOSED BREAKWATER**

### **CENTRE LINE PROFILE**



Line SB\_20201129073830

BOOMER  
Illustrating proposed breakwater centre line profile

Figure 1.9

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **CHARTS**

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| D.1 | Bathymetry                     |
| D.2 | Shaded Relief                  |
| D.3 | Seabed Features                |
| D.4 | SSS Mosaic                     |
| D.5 | Interpreted Geological Profile |

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## D.1 BATHYMETRY



PROPOSED INVESTIGATION  
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DATE OF SURVEY: 15/05/2024  
BY: J. JONES

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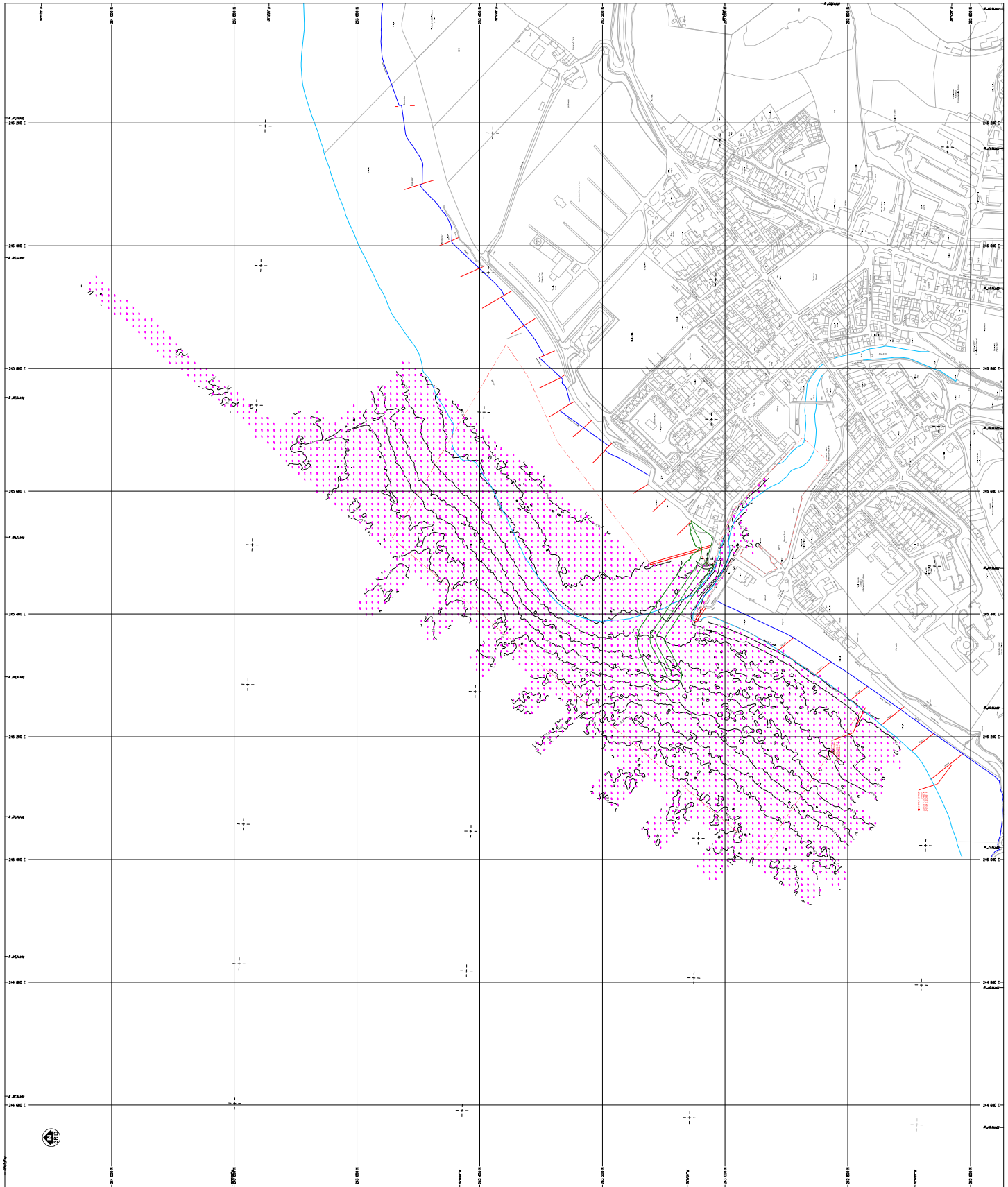
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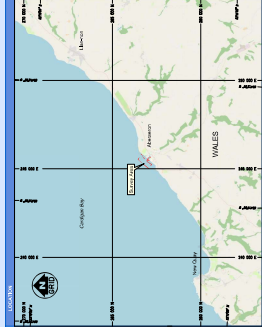
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## **D.3 SEABED FEATURES**



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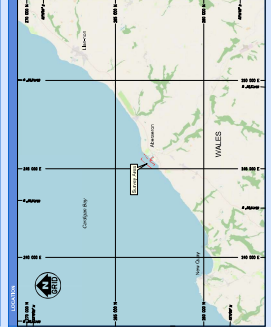
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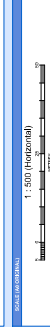
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 PROJECT: ABERAERON BREAKWATER  
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INTERPRETED GEOPHYSICAL PROFILE  
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