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ABSTRACT

This thesis reports on the geology, mode of formation and characteristic features of two widely different Zn-Pb (and Cu) deposits in Egypt, namely those at Um Samiuki (area I) and Um Gheig (erea II).

Area I occurs amid an extensive belt of metavolcanic rocks that extends in a NW-SE direction in the southern part of the Eastern Desert of Egypt. This area is made up mainly of a pile of cyclic acidic to intermediate metavolcanic rocks, with their associated pyroclastic and volcanosedimentary rocks. The repetition of the metavolcanic sequence is most conspicuous at Wadi Um Samiuki and Wadi Dabelit. These metavolcanic rocks are classified into: older metavolcanics (at Wadi Um Samiuki) and younger metavolcanics (Abu Hamamid group). The massive sulphide mineralization is associated with the Abu Hamamid group.

Area II lies within the sedimentary sequence of Miocene age extending parallel to the Red Sea in the Eastern Desert of Egypt. The area is made un of dominantly Precembrian basement rocks, Upper cretachous, Middle Miocene (Basal and Gypsum series) and Quaternary sedimentary successions. The Zh-Ph mineralization is located in the limegrits and conglomeritic limegrits of the Basal series, and to a lesser extent in the lower parts of the Gypsum, series of the Middle Miocene. It is shown that the sulphide mineralization at Um Samiuki is a stratiform