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ABSTRACT

Gabal El Resha-Wadi El Atrash area covers an area of about 414 Km² in northern Eastern Desert, Egypt. It contains rock associations including, metagabbros, older granitoids, Dokhan volcanics, Hammamat sedimentary rocks, younger granites and post granitic dykes.

The metagabbros represent the oldest rock type in the area. These rocks are highly deformed and suffered from severe alteration. Sometimes, they are found as xenoliths within the older granodiorites.

The older granitoids are represented by granodiorites. They are commonly xenolithic and cut by Dokhan volcanics and younger granites. They are characterized by their calc-alkaline nature. Their magma was generated in a compressional environment in a volcanic arc setting.

The Dokhan volcanics belong to mature island arc to active continental margin, and range in composition from andesite to dacite and their pyroclastics.

The Hammamat sedimentary rocks are unconformably overlying the Dokhan volcanics. They consist of bedded series of conglomerates and breccias, greywackes, sandstones, siltstones and purple slates. They mostly contain pebbles of the older granitoids and the Dokhan volcanics.

The younger granites are the most predominant rocks in the area; they intrude the previously mentioned older rocks. They are classified into; monzogranites (Salaat El Atrash), syeno-to alkali feldspar granites (Hmrat El Sorwhyia) and alkali feldspar granites (G. El Resha and G. Al Hamra). The studied monzogranites are considered as I-type, they originated from peraluminous calc-alkaline, high fractionated magma. They are syn-collision granites and formed under a compressional tectonic regime. The syeno and alkali feldspar granites are considered as

I-type and were originated from peraluminous calc-alkaline highly fractionated magma. They are post orogenic granites and formed under an extensional regime in a within-plate tectonic setting.

Dykes of varying composition from felsic and mafic cut the previously mentioned rock types and represent the post tectonic rock variety among the Neoproterozoic Pan-African basement rocks of the Eastern Desert of Egypt.

The area has been subjected to several successive tectonic events, which affected all the exposed rocks. These tectonic events gave rise to many structural features, mainly represented by joints and faults. The significant joint sets predominate in the NE-SW, NW-SE and ENE-WSW directions. Faults in the area are mainly of strike-slip type. NNW-SSE, NE-SW and N-S are the significant fault sets arranged according to their number proportion. On the other hand, NE-SW, N-S and E-W faults are the most predominating according to their length proportion. The NE-SW, N-S, and ENE-WSW trends represent the main structural trends controlling the tectonic framework of the studied area.

The radiometric survey carried out over the rocks of the studied area revealed that the high level of gamma radioactivity is linked to the younger granites if compared with the other rock types. Hmrat El Sorwhyia syeno-to alkali feldspar granite showed significant radioactive anomalies associated with pegmatites.

The radioactive anomalies are structurally controlled by joint sets trending NNW-SSE and ENE-WSW. Finally, it was found that, the high radioactive anomalies are due to the presence of zircon crystals in addition to opaques which play an important role in capturing uranium from circulating solutions.

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