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The Economic Geology Research Unit was founded on 5 October, 1957, by a grant from the then Chamber of Mines of the Transvaal and Orange Free State to the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, South Africa. It was the first, independent, geological research group established at a South African university, designed to operate on the post-graduate level only and unattached to an undergraduate, teaching department. The mandate given to the Economic Geology Research Unit was to carry out research of value and application to the needs of the South African mining industry, with particular emphasis to be placed on gold mineralization, especially that occurring in the Witwatersrand Basin. Three primary constraints were imposed: (i) the Unit was to remain small; (ii) its research was to be distinctly field-oriented; and (iii) it was to concern itself equally with the synthesis of existing information as with the gathering and analysis of new data.

EGRU came into operational existence on 4 June, 1959, when Chris Roering arrived from Sweden to take up one of the posts of Research Fellow. Rob Hargraves, from the U.S.A., joined on 1 September, 1959, as the second Research Fellow. The initial staff attained its full complement on 4 November, 1959, when Des Pretorius, previously with the mining industry in the then Northern Rhodesia, assumed the position of Senior Research Fellow.

The members of the Chamber of Mines stipulated that the results of EGRU's research activities be made available to the mining industry with minimum delay. It was indicated that a more effective means of disseminating the information should be employed than publication in recognized earth-sciences journals, where the delay between submission and appearance usually was of the order of months, if not years. It was decided that the Economic Geology Research Unit should compose, reproduce, issue, and distribute its own reports to the members of the mining industry, who contributed to the financial support of the Unit, and to other interested parties. Recipients would constitute a closed mailing list. Authors of the reports could, if they so wished, submit the contents of the reports for formal publication after such reports had been issued.

A name had to be devised for the limited-circulation reports, and a distinctive cover had to be designed so that they could be recognized readily as products of EGRU's research. The title "Information Circular" was proposed by Rob Hargraves. The logo of the earliest Circulars was chosen by Des Pretorius and nostalgically depicted one of the classic geological sections through the Northern Rhodesian Copperbelt. In later years, the logo was changed to a non-parochial geologist's hammer.

The first Information Circular was issued in August, 1960, a little more than a year after the Economic Geology Research Unit started work. Appropriately, the author of Information Circular No. 1 was Rob Hargraves.

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