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Figure A1

## Geologic Unit Descriptions:

## Holocene



Hc Hc – Fluvial deposits of the Río Chiriquí Viejo drainage; continental sediment dominated by well-sorted sand and rounded gravel-to-cobble clasts of reworked volcaniclastic material. Deposits overlie the volcanic debris avalanche deposits (VDAs) from Volcán Barú and spread south to reach the Pacific Ocean (Herrick, 2011). Lake sediment is found on the valley floor of Cerro Punta (Stewart, 1978) and among the Barriles hummocks near Volcán town (personal communication, Ángel Rodriguez).



Hal - Alluvial deposits of the coastal plain reaching east to Panama's boundary with Costa Rica (French and Schenk, 2004).

Hbp Hbp - Pyroclastic flows from Volcán Barú; includes tephra, block-and-ash, and volcaniclastics on the flanks and in proximal, low-lying areas. Tephra fall deposits extended from the crater west and southwest but are not mapped separately; tephra has been found as far west as Laguna Zoncho and Laguna Santa Elena in Costa Rica (Clement and Horn, 2001; Anchukaitis and Horn, 2005). Radiocarbon ages from these deposits near Volcán Barú are as young as 316 calendar years before present (Sherrod et al., 2007).



Hbd - Volcán Barú dome complex; three distinct domes of hornblende-rich andesite; SiO, 52-63 wt%. This unit is confined within the 6x10 km, summit amphitheater (Sherrod et al., 2007; Herrick,



Hvda - Barriles Deposit, Volcán Barú volcanic debris avalanche deposit. Total area: 990 sq km; maximum extent N-S: 43 km; Maximum extent E-W: 29 km.

### Hummocks, >3,000 individual hummocks; Height range: 3-97 m eposit thickness: 1.0-38 m

Radiocarbon Ages: 8764 & 9490 calendar years before present (95.4% probability)

An agglomeritic deposit with a block and mixed facies; the dominant lithology is subround-angular, fine-grained, glassy plagioclase-phyric, hornblende-rich andesite. Contains rip-up clasts of well-sorted alluvium, clasts from the basemant limestone and schist, andesitic jigsaw-fractured blocks; a substantial amount of hydrothermally-altered clasts, and motiled, very-fine-grained matrix. This deposit is often the modern surface with overlying tephra deposits proximal to Volcán Barú's edifice (Siebert et al., 2006; Sherrod et al., 2007; Herrick, 2011).

## Pleistocene

Pvda Pvda - Caisán Deposit, Volcán Barú volcanic debris avalanche deposit. Total area: 1160 sq km; maximum extent N-S: 50 km; Maximum extent E-W: 29 km.

Hummocks, >1,000 individual hummocks; Height range: 3-10 m

Deposit thickness: 3.0-90 m Radiocarbon Ages: 45,224 calendar years before present (95.4% probability) An agglomerate deposit with block and mixed facies; the dominant lithology is subangular, fine-grained, glassy plagioclase-phyric, hornblende-rich andesite. Contains rip-up clasts of well-sorted alluvium; clasts from the basement limestone and schist; andesitic jigsaw-fractured blocks; a substantial amount of hydrothermally altered clasts; and a mottled, very-fine-grained matrix. This deposit is often located below 0.2-3.0 m of unconsolidated sediment and thin tephra units; outcrop exposures demonstrate this unit is stratigraphically older than the Barriles Deposit (Herrick, 2011).

Pbl Pbi Pbl – Volcaniclastics from Volcán Barú; undivided lahar units with interbedded pyroclastic flows. Without observations of contacts, age relationships could not be determined, but proximity and degree of weathering suggest these deposits are older than the volcanic debris avalanche deposits Pvda and Hvda (Herrick, 2011).

Pbe Pbe Pbe – Volcán Barú edifice; K/Ar age 0.46 Ma±0.15 (IRHE, 1985). Undivided andesitic lavas (SiO<sub>2</sub> 52-63 wt%), hornblende-rich, and associated pyroclastics interrupted by a major breach in the structure opening to the west. The southern contact is poorly defined due to overlapping lahar and pyroclastic flow units of PbI (Restrepo, 1987; Siebert, 2004).

## Quaternary Qtd

Qtd - Tisingal dome complex; hornblende-rich, andesitic lavas (Restrepo, 1987). Radiometric age 1.6-0.9 Ma (UTP, 1992).



Quy - Undivided volcanics from Tisingal and potentially from Volcán Barú. Block-and-ash flows, pyroclastic flows, volcaniclastics, and tephra. Found north of the Río Chiriguí Vieio: contacts are poorly wart, 1978; Herrick, 2011).

Qte

Qte - Tisingal edifice; hornblende-rich andesitic lava domes and flows (Stewart, 1978; Restrepo, 1987). Radiometric ages in range 1.0-0.9 Ma (UTP, 1992).

# Tertiary Tpr

Tpr - Paso Real Lahars (Pliocene to Pleistocene); Up to 900 m thick; lahars, breccias, and andesitic lava flows from the Cordillera de Talamanca (Morell et al., 2008). Age 4.3-1.2 Ma (de Boer et al., 1995); found in the north-western section of map area



Subunits

Tca - Charco Azul Group (Late Pliocene)

Armuelles Formation – Pliocene-to-Pleistocene; up to 370 m thick; shallow marine sediments with pebbly conglomerates of unconsolidated greenish-blue siltstone; and litharenite with rare beds rich in oyster shells and corals.

Burica Formation - Late Pliocene; up to 2,800 m thick; dominantly fine-grained volcaniclastic turbidite sediments with associated megabreccias; contains the La Chancha Member, a 2-4 m thick, auto-

 Define Formation – Late Findering, dp 102,000 m thick, dominantly image and vocaniciastic dibidite seaments with associated megablecicias, contains the La Charlena wender, a 2-4 m thick, adde-breciated unit that overlies 1-2 m of basal, coarse volcanic conglomerate.
Peñita Formation – Early Pliocene, up to 1,200 m thick, but laterally variable; shallow marine clay sediments and turbidites. The base is coarse, greenish-blue litharenite with locally channeled basal volcanic conglomerate. Also contains the La Vaca Member; up to 900 m thick, dominated by coarse, grayish-green volcanic conglomerate with large-scale crossbeds; channels, armored mud balls, and locally, large thickshelled oysters, other bivalves, and wood. 4.

Cenozoic Seamount Complex - restricted to the western shore of the Burica Peninsula (Coates et al., 1992; Buchs et al., 2009).

# Τt

Tt - Térraba-Curré Formations (Oligocene-Miocene); Up to 2 km thick with an associated, unnamed marine mudstone visible only in the central northwest portions of the Fila Costeña Thrust Belt. These formations and the Eocene Brito Formation have been distinguished as fore-arc basin units (Morell et al., 2008).
Térraba Formation – Oligocene-Miocene; is a bioclastic/volcaniclastic turbidite sequence composed primarily of interbedded mudstone and volcaniclastic sandstone with minor black shales, marls, and conglomerates (Morell et al., 2008). Rare intrusions of 15-11 Ma gabbro (de Boer et al., 1995).
Curré Formation – Miocene; is a thin, coarsening upwards volcaniclastic sandstone and conglomerate (Morell et al., 2008). conglomera 2. Curr

Tb – Eocene; up to 1 km thick; associated with the thrust faults within the Fila Costeña Thrust Belt region; Bioclastic limestone and turbidite sequence (Morell et al., 2008) with rare intrusions of 15-11 Ma gabbros (de Boer et al., 1995).

Ti ΤK

Ti – Intrusives – coarse-grained gabbro exposed locally in the Cordillera (Stewart, 1978). These units may include: granodiorites, quartz-diorite, diorite, and gabbro (Anonymous, 1976).

TK - Cretaceous-to-Paleogene - Accreted volcanic seamounts and associated marine sedimentary units; dominates Panama's interior western highlands (Buchs et al., 2009).

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#### Figure A2

Hummock Distribution: Area (m^2) vs Distance (m)









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### Figure A3

## Hummock Distribution: Diameter (m) vs Distance (m)

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