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### English Summary

The uaternary stream sediments of the Diit area southern ed Sea coast Egypt were mineralogically studied for their content of economic heavy minerals. The study area covered approximately 45 km<sup>2</sup> and included three main parts: Wadi and Delta Diit as well as Diit lens. The mineralogical investigation revealed that these sediments contain considerable amounts of placer ilmenite magnetite iron sphene apatite garnet and rutile. Also present in minor or trace amounts are uranothorite monazite xenotime fergusonite hastyrite and gold. The magnetic fractionation tests supplemented with the ED and SE mineral analyses indicated the presence of Fe-oxide minerals as wuestite hematite and maghemite accompanied with magnetite as products for hand magnet separation. Ilmenite separation was carried out using a high intensity magnetic separator at a current of 1 A while the paramagnetic minerals (e.g. garnet pyroene amphibole epidote monazite xenotime and fergusonite) were separated as magnetic fraction at a current of 3 A. The non-magnetic minerals (e.g. iron apatite and rutile uranophane uranothorite gold and hastyrite) were obtained at 3 A current. On a mineralogical and geochemical basis the present work suggests that Diit stream sediments should be considered as a potential source for Ti Fe Cr and U after the physical upgrading processes for concentrating the minerals carrying the aforementioned economic elements.

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