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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR

SEDEX TYPE Zn-Pb-Ag ORE

CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL

OREAS 136

Summary Statistics for Key Analytes.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	151	5	149	153	147	155
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	4.76	0.169	4.69	4.83	4.66	4.86
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	3.63	0.058	3.61	3.65	3.56	3.70

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

Table 1. Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 136.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	151	5	149	153	147	155
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	4.09	0.273	3.96	4.21	4.01	4.16
As, Arsenic (ppm)	2145	100	2094	2196	2067	2223
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.37	0.142	2.30	2.44	2.27	2.46
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	6.37	0.75	5.94	6.80	6.14	6.61
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	2.25	0.096	2.21	2.30	2.21	2.29
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	102	9	97	107	100	105
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	92	15	84	100	89	95
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	28.7	2.57	27.3	30.1	28.0	29.4
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	35.7	3.6	33.0	38.3	33.8	37.6
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	4.56	0.51	4.25	4.87	4.44	4.69
Cu, Copper (ppm)	306	14	300	312	299	313
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	5.88	0.188	5.72	6.04	5.75	6.01
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.75	0.123	2.65	2.85	2.63	2.87
Eu, Europium (ppm)	3.97	0.363	3.62	4.32	3.85	4.10
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	11.50	0.612	11.22	11.78	11.28	11.72
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	12.2	1.5	11.1	13.3	11.5	12.9
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	7.97	0.668	7.39	8.55	7.78	8.16
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	2.50	0.236	2.36	2.65	2.40	2.61
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	1.02	0.083	0.93	1.12	0.99	1.06
In, Indium (ppm)	2.12	0.24	1.96	2.27	2.03	2.21
K, Potassium (wt.%)	3.61	0.268	3.50	3.73	3.51	3.72
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	46.6	6.0	43.0	50.2	44.7	48.5
Li, Lithium (ppm)	38.5	2.30	37.1	39.8	37.2	39.8
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.32	0.04	0.29	0.35	0.30	0.34
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.885	0.066	0.856	0.914	0.871	0.898
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.968	0.033	0.953	0.982	0.951	0.984
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.146	0.010	0.141	0.151	0.140	0.152
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	42.8	3.85	39.8	45.9	41.4	44.3
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	29.0	2.63	27.5	30.5	27.9	30.0
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.090	0.005	0.088	0.092	0.088	0.092
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	4.76	0.169	4.69	4.83	4.66	4.86
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	11.4	0.81	10.7	12.1	11.2	11.6
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	168	10	160	175	162	173
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	7.47	0.259	7.35	7.59	7.27	7.66
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	96	10	91	102	93	100
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	6.75	0.75	6.22	7.28	6.48	7.02
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	8.48	0.649	7.93	9.03	8.28	8.68
Sn, Tin (ppm)	4.38	0.48	4.07	4.69	4.04	4.72
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	151	17	143	159	145	158
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	1.03	0.056	0.98	1.08	0.98	1.08

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued						
Th, Thorium (ppm)	7.90	1.37	7.04	8.77	7.62	8.18
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.128	0.010	0.121	0.136	0.122	0.135
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	29.2	1.11	28.5	29.9	28.4	29.9
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.34	0.025	0.31	0.36	0.32	0.36
U, Uranium (ppm)	8.65	0.471	8.39	8.91	8.30	9.00
V, Vanadium (ppm)	62	3.6	60	64	60	63
W, Tungsten (ppm)	6.70	0.502	6.41	6.99	6.29	7.11
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	31.7	2.09	30.4	32.9	30.9	32.5
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.23	0.156	2.10	2.37	2.08	2.39
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	3.63	0.058	3.61	3.65	3.56	3.70
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	86	6.8	82	90	83	89
Peroxide Fusion ICP						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	147	5	141	152	136	158
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	4.16	0.103	4.11	4.20	4.07	4.25
As, Arsenic (ppm)	2214	150	2137	2291	2099	2330
Ba, Barium (ppm)	4109	186	3977	4240	3936	4281
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.74	0.48	2.45	3.02	IND	IND
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	2.27	0.079	2.23	2.31	2.19	2.36
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	112	6	108	116	107	117
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	29.0	2.03	28.1	30.0	26.9	31.2
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	4.65	0.330	4.32	4.98	4.26	5.03
Cu, Copper (ppm)	305	18	296	313	283	327
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.93	0.274	2.67	3.19	IND	IND
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	11.51	0.418	11.31	11.71	11.29	11.73
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	54	2.1	53	56	51	58
Li, Lithium (ppm)	39.9	1.83	37.7	42.2	38.1	41.8
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.901	0.035	0.884	0.917	0.875	0.926
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.976	0.045	0.953	0.999	0.953	0.999
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	8.20	0.98	7.22	9.19	IND	IND
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	42.8	1.90	40.6	45.1	39.2	46.5
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.092	0.011	0.081	0.103	IND	IND
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	4.73	0.119	4.67	4.78	4.56	4.89
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	175	8	168	181	168	181
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	7.61	0.194	7.52	7.69	7.44	7.77
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	101	7	96	106	95	107
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	21.36	0.492	21.11	21.61	21.09	21.63
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	8.17	0.622	7.47	8.87	IND	IND
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	167	18	156	179	160	175
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	1.07	0.16	0.86	1.27	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	8.50	0.521	8.07	8.92	8.17	8.83
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.182	0.009	0.179	0.185	0.172	0.191
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	28.5	1.10	27.5	29.5	27.8	29.3

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Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued						
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.40	0.003	0.40	0.40	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	8.69	0.371	8.50	8.88	8.02	9.37
V, Vanadium (ppm)	66	11	59	73	60	72
W, Tungsten (ppm)	6.43	1.06	5.51	7.34	IND	IND
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	35.2	3.40	32.6	37.8	34.1	36.4
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.36	0.215	2.19	2.53	IND	IND
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	3.63	0.094	3.59	3.67	3.56	3.70
Aqua Regia Digestion						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	149	5	146	151	144	153
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	1.13	0.13	1.06	1.19	1.09	1.17
As, Arsenic (ppm)	2147	108	2089	2205	2091	2204
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	6.32	0.75	5.81	6.82	6.15	6.48
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	2.14	0.107	2.09	2.18	2.08	2.19
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	101	9	96	105	98	103
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	88	10	80	95	86	90
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	26.8	1.59	26.2	27.4	25.3	28.3
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	20.1	1.83	19.1	21.1	18.5	21.8
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	2.58	0.144	2.47	2.68	2.49	2.66
Cu, Copper (ppm)	310	8	306	314	302	318
Eu, Europium (ppm)	3.63	0.47	2.99	4.27	3.55	3.71
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	11.12	0.508	10.86	11.37	10.83	11.40
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	5.70	0.85	5.02	6.38	5.53	5.88
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	1.70	0.126	1.57	1.83	1.59	1.81
In, Indium (ppm)	1.92	0.187	1.77	2.06	1.84	2.00
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	43.0	7.1	38.8	47.1	41.8	44.2
Li, Lithium (ppm)	25.6	2.38	23.8	27.3	24.9	26.2
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.20	0.03	0.16	0.25	0.19	0.21
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.743	0.047	0.722	0.763	0.721	0.764
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.876	0.029	0.862	0.890	0.850	0.903
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	7.04	0.630	6.67	7.41	6.79	7.28
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.028	0.004	0.024	0.032	0.026	0.030
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	40.3	3.35	36.1	44.6	38.4	42.2
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	28.4	3.5	26.8	30.0	27.0	29.8
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.090	0.006	0.087	0.093	0.088	0.093
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	4.78	0.129	4.71	4.86	4.68	4.89
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	9.98	1.44	8.03	11.94	9.82	10.15
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	45.5	6.8	40.5	50.4	44.2	46.8
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	7.54	0.339	7.38	7.70	7.37	7.71
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	83	13	76	91	81	86
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	3.44	0.55	3.06	3.82	3.23	3.64
Sn, Tin (ppm)	3.69	0.46	3.25	4.13	3.42	3.96
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	32.4	6.4	29.2	35.7	30.9	34.0

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued						
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.94	0.18	0.70	1.19	0.90	0.99
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.18	0.03	0.15	0.21	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	7.71	0.85	7.14	8.29	7.50	7.93
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.025	0.002	0.023	0.027	0.024	0.026
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	7.41	1.34	6.43	8.40	7.15	7.68
U, Uranium (ppm)	7.65	0.313	7.44	7.87	7.40	7.91
V, Vanadium (ppm)	31.5	3.4	29.9	33.2	30.2	32.9
W, Tungsten (ppm)	5.76	0.455	5.45	6.07	5.58	5.94
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	25.9	1.97	24.6	27.1	25.2	26.5
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.49	0.19	1.27	1.70	IND	IND
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	3.58	0.140	3.52	3.64	3.49	3.67
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	25.7	5.0	22.5	29.0	24.7	26.8
Infrared Combustion						
C, Carbon (wt.%)	2.89	0.076	2.85	2.92	2.84	2.94
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	7.81	0.148	7.73	7.88	7.74	7.87

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

INTRODUCTION

OREAS reference materials are intended to provide a low cost method of evaluating and improving the quality of analysis of geological samples. To the geologist they provide a means of implementing quality control in analytical data sets generated in exploration from the grass roots level through to prospect evaluation, and in grade control at mining operations. To the analyst they provide an effective means of calibrating analytical equipment, assessing new techniques and routinely monitoring in-house procedures.

SOURCE MATERIALS

OREAS 136 has been prepared from a blend of barren and ore grade SEDEX Type Zn-Pb-Ag materials sourced from the Dugald River deposit located in the Mt Isa Inlier, ~65km north-west of Cloncurry in north-west Queensland, Australia. The mineralisation style is dominated by sphalerite and galena with a gangue of graphitic slate, pyrrhotite and pyrite. The deposit is hosted within a sequence of upper greenschist to amphibolite facies metamorphic rocks consisting quartzite, schists, slates and dolomite.

COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 136 was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying to constant mass at 85°C;
- Crushing and milling to 98% minus 75 microns;

- Preliminary homogenisation and check assaying of barren, low, medium and high grade source materials;
- Final homogenisation by blending the source materials in specific ratios to achieve target grades;
- Packaging in 10g units sealed under nitrogen in laminated foil pouches.

ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Twenty four commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to certify the analytes reported in Table 1. The following methods were employed:

- Four acid digestion for full ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental suites except for two laboratories who used an AAS finish for Ag and five laboratories who used an AAS finish for Pb and Zn (up to 23 laboratories depending on the element);
- Peroxide fusion for full ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental suites except for one laboratory who used borate fusion with an ICP-OES finish for Si only (up to 18 laboratories depending on the element);
- Aqua regia digestion for full ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental suites except for one laboratory who used an AAS finish for Ag and two laboratories who used an AAS finish for Pb and Zn (up to 20 laboratories depending on the element);
- C and S by IR combustion furnace (19 laboratories for C; 20 laboratories for S);

For the round robin program ten 300g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following homogenisation and are considered representative of the entire 340kg batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 20g scoop splits from each of three separate 300g test units. This format enabled nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity, i.e. to ascertain whether between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance. Table 1 presents the 137 certified values together with their associated 1SD's, 95% confidence and tolerance limits and Table 2 below shows 59 indicative values. Table 3 provides performance gate intervals for the certified values based on their associated pooled standard deviations. Tabulated results of all elements together with analytical method codes, uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and per cent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM^3) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**OREAS 136 DataPack.xlsx**).

Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 136.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
4-Acid Digestion								
B	ppm	*1.34*	Mo	ppm	*6.62*	Si	wt.%	*10.90*
Ba	ppm	*1975*	Nb	ppm	*5.02*	Ta	ppm	*0.45*
Ge	ppm	*4.41*	Pt	ppm	*0.020*	Te	ppm	*0.21*
Hg	ppm	*0.54*	Re	ppm	*0.009*			
Ir	ppm	*0.007*	Se	ppm	*1.99*			
Peroxide Fusion ICP								
B	ppm	*113*	Ge	ppm	*5.32*	Pr	ppm	*12.0*

Note: the number of significant figures reported is not a reflection of the level of certainty of stated values. They are instead an artefact of ORE's in-house CRM-specific LIMS.

Table 2 continued.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued								
Bi	ppm	*6.38*	Hf	ppm	*4.33*	Re	ppm	*< 0.1*
Ce	ppm	*103*	Ho	ppm	*1.18*	Sc	ppm	*6.08*
Cr	ppm	*50*	In	ppm	*2.06*	Se	ppm	*< 20*
Dy	ppm	*5.79*	K	wt.%	*3.67*	Sn	ppm	*7.66*
Eu	ppm	*4.23*	Lu	ppm	*0.38*	Ta	ppm	*0.54*
Ga	ppm	*12.4*	Nb	ppm	*6.56*	Te	ppm	*< 1*
Gd	ppm	*8.20*	Ni	ppm	*28.0*	Zr	ppm	*90*
Aqua Regia Digestion								
Au	ppm	*0.019*	Ge	ppm	*1.02*	Pt	ppm	*7.01*
B	ppm	*15.3*	Hf	ppm	*0.84*	Re	ppm	*0.009*
Ba	ppm	*280*	Ho	ppm	*0.91*	Se	ppm	*2.39*
Be	ppm	*1.54*	Ir	ppm	*0.007*	Si	wt.%	*0.160*
Dy	ppm	*5.39*	K	wt.%	*0.574*	Sm	ppm	*6.99*
Er	ppm	*2.24*	Nb	ppm	*0.61*	Ta	ppm	*0.006*
Gd	ppm	*7.51*	Pd	ppm	*< 0.01*	Tm	ppm	*0.23*
Thermogravimetry								
LOI^{1000}	wt.%	*7.72*						

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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Certified Values, Confidence Limits, Standard Deviations and Tolerance Limits (Table 1) have been determined for each analyte following removal of individual, laboratory dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). For individual outliers within a laboratory batch the z-score test is used in combination with a second method that determines the per cent deviation of the individual value from the batch median. Outliers in general are selected on the basis of z-scores > 2.5 and with per cent deviations (i) > 3 and (ii) more than three times the average absolute per cent deviation for the batch. In certain instances statistician's prerogative has been employed in discriminating outliers. Each laboratory data set mean is tested for outlying status based on z-score discrimination and rejected if > 2.5. After individual and laboratory data set (batch) outliers have been eliminated a non-iterative 3 standard deviation filter is applied, with those values lying outside this window also relegated to outlying status. The Certified Values are the means of accepted laboratory means after outlier filtering.

The 95% Confidence Limits are inversely proportional to the number of participating laboratories and inter-laboratory agreement. It is a measure of the reliability of the certified value. A 95% confidence interval indicates a 95% probability that the true value of the analyte under consideration lies between the upper and lower limits. *95% Confidence Limits should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.*

Standard Deviation values (1SDs) are reported in Table 1 and provide an indication of a level of performance that might reasonably be expected from a laboratory being monitored by this CRM in a QA/QC program. The SD's take into account errors attributable to

measurement uncertainty and CRM variability. For an effective CRM the contribution of the latter should be negligible in comparison to measurement errors. The SD values thus include all sources of measurement uncertainty: between-lab variance, within-run variance (precision errors) and CRM variability. OREAS prepared reference materials have a level of homogeneity such that the observed variance from repeated analysis has its origin almost exclusively in the analytical process rather than the reference material itself.

The SD for each analyte's certified value is calculated from the same filtered data set used to determine the certified value, i.e. after removal of any individual, lab dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). These outliers can only be removed after the absolute homogeneity of the CRM has been independently established, i.e. the outliers must be confidently deemed to be analytical rather than arising from inhomogeneity of the CRM. **The standard deviation is then calculated for each analyte from the pooled accepted analyses generated from the certification program.**
In the application of SD's in monitoring performance it is important to note that not all laboratories function at the same level of proficiency and that different methods in use at a particular laboratory have differing levels of precision. Each laboratory has its own inherent SD (for a specific concentration level and analyte-method pair) based on the analytical process and this SD is not directly related to the round robin program.

The majority of data generated in the round robin program was produced by a selection of world class laboratories. The SD's thus generated are more constrained than those that would be produced across a randomly selected group of laboratories. To produce more generally achievable SD's the 'pooled' SD's provided in this report include inter-lab bias. This 'one size fits all' approach may require revision at the discretion of the QC manager concerned following careful scrutiny of QC control charts.

Table 3 shows **Performance Gates** calculated for two and three standard deviations. As a guide these intervals may be regarded as warning or rejection for multiple 2SD outliers, or rejection for individual 3SD outliers in QC monitoring, although their precise application should be at the discretion of the QC manager concerned. A second method utilises a 5% window calculated directly from the certified value. Standard deviation is also shown in relative percent for one, two and three relative standard deviations (1RSD, 2RSD and 3RSD) to facilitate an appreciation of the magnitude of these numbers and a comparison with the 5% window. Caution should be exercised when concentration levels approach lower limits of detection of the analytical methods employed as performance gates calculated from standard deviations tend to be excessively wide whereas those determined by the 5% method are too narrow.

Tolerance Limits (ISO Guide 3207) were determined using an analysis of precision errors method and are considered a conservative estimate of true homogeneity. The meaning of tolerance limits may be illustrated for zinc (Zn) by 4-acid digestion, where 99% of the time ($1-\alpha=0.99$) at least 95% of subsamples ($\rho=0.95$) will have concentrations lying between 3.56 and 3.70 wt.%. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99% of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95% of the total population, and 1% of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95% of the total population (ISO Guide 35). *Please note that tolerance limits pertain to the homogeneity of the CRM only and should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.*

The homogeneity of OREAS 136 has also been evaluated in a **nested ANOVA** of the round robin program. Each of the twenty four round robin laboratories received six samples per CRM and these samples were made up of paired samples from three

different, non-adjacent sampling intervals. The purpose of the ANOVA evaluation is to test that no statistically significant difference exists in the variance between-units to that of the variance within-units. This allows an assessment of homogeneity across the entire prepared batch of OREAS 136. The test was performed using the following parameters:

- Null Hypothesis, H_0: Between-unit variance is no greater than within-unit variance (reject H_0 if *p*-value < 0.05);
- Alternative Hypothesis, H_1: Between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

P-values are a measure of probability where values less than 0.05 indicate a greater than 95% probability that the observed differences in within-unit and between-unit variances are real. The datasets were filtered for both individual and laboratory data set (batch) outliers prior to the calculation of *p*-values. This process derived no significant *p*-values across the entire 137 certified values.

It is important to note that ANOVA is not an absolute measure of homogeneity. Rather, it establishes whether or not the analytes are distributed in a similar manner throughout the packaging run of OREAS 136 and whether the variance between two subsamples from the same unit is statistically distinguishable to the variance from two subsamples taken from any two separate units. A reference material therefore, can possess poor absolute homogeneity yet still pass a relative homogeneity test if the within-unit heterogeneity is large and similar across all units.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the inter-laboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 136 is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

Table 3. Pooled-Lab Performance Gates for OREAS 136.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion											
Ag, ppm	151	5	142	160	137	165	3.10%	6.20%	9.30%	143	159
Al, wt.%	4.09	0.273	3.54	4.63	3.27	4.90	6.69%	13.38%	20.06%	3.88	4.29
As, ppm	2145	100	1945	2345	1845	2445	4.66%	9.33%	13.99%	2038	2252
Be, ppm	2.37	0.142	2.09	2.65	1.94	2.79	5.98%	11.96%	17.94%	2.25	2.49
Bi, ppm	6.37	0.75	4.87	7.87	4.12	8.62	11.77%	23.55%	35.32%	6.05	6.69
Ca, wt.%	2.25	0.096	2.06	2.45	1.96	2.54	4.27%	8.55%	12.82%	2.14	2.37
Cd, ppm	102	9	85	120	76	129	8.50%	17.00%	25.50%	97	108
Ce, ppm	92	15	63	121	48	136	15.84%	31.68%	47.53%	87	97
Co, ppm	28.7	2.57	23.5	33.8	21.0	36.4	8.97%	17.93%	26.90%	27.2	30.1
Cr, ppm	35.7	3.6	28.4	42.9	24.8	46.5	10.13%	20.27%	30.40%	33.9	37.4
Cs, ppm	4.56	0.51	3.55	5.58	3.04	6.09	11.13%	22.25%	33.38%	4.34	4.79
Cu, ppm	306	14	279	333	265	346	4.42%	8.83%	13.25%	291	321
Dy, ppm	5.88	0.188	5.50	6.25	5.32	6.44	3.19%	6.39%	9.58%	5.59	6.17
Er, ppm	2.75	0.123	2.51	3.00	2.38	3.12	4.47%	8.94%	13.41%	2.61	2.89
Eu, ppm	3.97	0.363	3.25	4.70	2.88	5.06	9.14%	18.28%	27.42%	3.77	4.17
Fe, wt.%	11.50	0.612	10.28	12.72	9.66	13.34	5.32%	10.65%	15.97%	10.93	12.08
Ga, ppm	12.2	1.5	9.2	15.2	7.7	16.7	12.24%	24.48%	36.72%	11.6	12.8

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Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued											
Gd, ppm	7.97	0.668	6.63	9.30	5.97	9.97	8.38%	16.76%	25.14%	7.57	8.37
Hf, ppm	2.50	0.236	2.03	2.98	1.80	3.21	9.42%	18.85%	28.27%	2.38	2.63
Ho, ppm	1.02	0.083	0.86	1.19	0.77	1.27	8.11%	16.21%	24.32%	0.97	1.08
In, ppm	2.12	0.24	1.63	2.61	1.39	2.85	11.52%	23.03%	34.55%	2.01	2.22
K, wt.%	3.61	0.268	3.08	4.15	2.81	4.42	7.42%	14.84%	22.26%	3.43	3.79
La, ppm	46.6	6.0	34.6	58.6	28.6	64.6	12.89%	25.77%	38.66%	44.3	48.9
Li, ppm	38.5	2.30	33.9	43.1	31.6	45.4	5.99%	11.97%	17.96%	36.6	40.4
Lu, ppm	0.32	0.04	0.25	0.40	0.21	0.44	11.84%	23.69%	35.53%	0.31	0.34
Mg, wt.%	0.885	0.066	0.753	1.016	0.687	1.082	7.43%	14.86%	22.29%	0.840	0.929
Mn, wt.%	0.968	0.033	0.901	1.034	0.868	1.067	3.41%	6.83%	10.24%	0.919	1.016
Na, wt.%	0.146	0.010	0.127	0.166	0.117	0.175	6.67%	13.35%	20.02%	0.139	0.153
Nd, ppm	42.8	3.85	35.1	50.5	31.3	54.4	9.00%	18.00%	26.99%	40.7	45.0
Ni, ppm	29.0	2.63	23.7	34.3	21.1	36.9	9.09%	18.18%	27.26%	27.5	30.4
P, wt.%	0.090	0.005	0.080	0.100	0.075	0.105	5.62%	11.23%	16.85%	0.086	0.095
Pb, wt.%	4.76	0.169	4.42	5.10	4.25	5.27	3.55%	7.09%	10.64%	4.52	5.00
Pr, ppm	11.4	0.81	9.8	13.1	9.0	13.9	7.12%	14.24%	21.36%	10.9	12.0
Rb, ppm	168	10	147	189	136	199	6.24%	12.47%	18.71%	159	176
S, wt.%	7.47	0.259	6.95	7.99	6.69	8.25	3.47%	6.94%	10.41%	7.10	7.84
Sb, ppm	96	10	76	116	66	126	10.31%	20.62%	30.92%	91	101
Sc, ppm	6.75	0.75	5.24	8.26	4.49	9.01	11.16%	22.32%	33.48%	6.41	7.09
Sm, ppm	8.48	0.649	7.18	9.77	6.53	10.42	7.65%	15.31%	22.96%	8.05	8.90
Sn, ppm	4.38	0.48	3.42	5.34	2.94	5.82	10.99%	21.98%	32.97%	4.16	4.60
Sr, ppm	151	17	118	184	102	201	10.91%	21.82%	32.73%	144	159
Tb, ppm	1.03	0.056	0.92	1.14	0.86	1.20	5.46%	10.92%	16.38%	0.98	1.08
Th, ppm	7.90	1.37	5.17	10.64	3.80	12.01	17.32%	34.65%	51.97%	7.51	8.30
Ti, wt.%	0.128	0.010	0.108	0.149	0.097	0.160	8.14%	16.27%	24.41%	0.122	0.135
Tl, ppm	29.2	1.11	26.9	31.4	25.8	32.5	3.80%	7.60%	11.40%	27.7	30.6
Tm, ppm	0.34	0.025	0.29	0.39	0.26	0.41	7.41%	14.83%	22.24%	0.32	0.36
U, ppm	8.65	0.471	7.71	9.59	7.24	10.06	5.44%	10.88%	16.32%	8.22	9.08
V, ppm	62	3.6	55	69	51	73	5.78%	11.56%	17.34%	59	65
W, ppm	6.70	0.502	5.70	7.70	5.20	8.21	7.49%	14.98%	22.47%	6.37	7.04
Y, ppm	31.7	2.09	27.5	35.9	25.4	37.9	6.61%	13.22%	19.83%	30.1	33.2
Yb, ppm	2.23	0.156	1.92	2.55	1.77	2.70	6.99%	13.98%	20.97%	2.12	2.35
Zn, wt.%	3.63	0.058	3.52	3.75	3.46	3.81	1.59%	3.18%	4.76%	3.45	3.82
Zr, ppm	86	6.8	73	100	66	106	7.86%	15.72%	23.58%	82	90
Peroxide Fusion ICP											
Ag, ppm	147	5	136	158	131	163	3.70%	7.41%	11.11%	140	154
Al, wt.%	4.16	0.103	3.95	4.36	3.85	4.47	2.47%	4.93%	7.40%	3.95	4.37
As, ppm	2214	150	1914	2514	1764	2664	6.78%	13.55%	20.33%	2104	2325
Ba, ppm	4109	186	3736	4482	3550	4668	4.53%	9.07%	13.60%	3903	4314
Be, ppm	2.74	0.48	1.78	3.70	1.30	4.18	17.55%	35.10%	52.65%	2.60	2.87
Ca, wt.%	2.27	0.079	2.12	2.43	2.04	2.51	3.47%	6.94%	10.40%	2.16	2.39
Cd, ppm	112	6	99	124	93	131	5.55%	11.10%	16.66%	106	117

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Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued											
Co, ppm	29.0	2.03	25.0	33.1	23.0	35.1	6.99%	13.98%	20.97%	27.6	30.5
Cs, ppm	4.65	0.330	3.99	5.31	3.66	5.64	7.10%	14.20%	21.30%	4.42	4.88
Cu, ppm	305	18	268	341	250	359	5.97%	11.95%	17.92%	289	320
Er, ppm	2.93	0.274	2.38	3.48	2.11	3.75	9.35%	18.71%	28.06%	2.78	3.08
Fe, wt.%	11.51	0.418	10.67	12.35	10.26	12.76	3.63%	7.26%	10.90%	10.93	12.08
La, ppm	54	2.1	50	59	48	61	3.81%	7.63%	11.44%	52	57
Li, ppm	39.9	1.83	36.3	43.6	34.4	45.4	4.57%	9.15%	13.72%	37.9	41.9
Mg, wt.%	0.901	0.035	0.831	0.971	0.796	1.006	3.88%	7.76%	11.65%	0.856	0.946
Mn, wt.%	0.976	0.045	0.886	1.065	0.842	1.110	4.59%	9.18%	13.77%	0.927	1.025
Mo, ppm	8.20	0.98	6.24	10.17	5.26	11.15	11.97%	23.95%	35.92%	7.79	8.61
Nd, ppm	42.8	1.90	39.0	46.6	37.1	48.5	4.44%	8.88%	13.32%	40.7	45.0
P, wt.%	0.092	0.011	0.069	0.115	0.058	0.126	12.45%	24.89%	37.34%	0.087	0.097
Pb, wt.%	4.73	0.119	4.49	4.97	4.37	5.09	2.53%	5.05%	7.58%	4.49	4.96
Rb, ppm	175	8	159	191	151	198	4.55%	9.10%	13.65%	166	183
S, wt.%	7.61	0.194	7.22	7.99	7.03	8.19	2.55%	5.09%	7.64%	7.23	7.99
Sb, ppm	101	7	87	115	79	123	7.11%	14.22%	21.33%	96	106
Si, wt.%	21.36	0.492	20.37	22.34	19.88	22.83	2.30%	4.61%	6.91%	20.29	22.43
Sm, ppm	8.17	0.622	6.93	9.42	6.31	10.04	7.61%	15.22%	22.83%	7.76	8.58
Sr, ppm	167	18	132	203	114	221	10.69%	21.37%	32.06%	159	176
Tb, ppm	1.07	0.16	0.75	1.38	0.60	1.54	14.71%	29.42%	44.14%	1.01	1.12
Th, ppm	8.50	0.521	7.46	9.54	6.93	10.06	6.14%	12.27%	18.41%	8.07	8.92
Ti, wt.%	0.182	0.009	0.164	0.199	0.156	0.207	4.71%	9.43%	14.14%	0.173	0.191
Tl, ppm	28.5	1.10	26.3	30.7	25.2	31.8	3.86%	7.73%	11.59%	27.1	30.0
Tm, ppm	0.40	0.003	0.40	0.41	0.39	0.41	0.65%	1.31%	1.96%	0.38	0.42
U, ppm	8.69	0.371	7.95	9.44	7.58	9.81	4.27%	8.54%	12.82%	8.26	9.13
V, ppm	66	11	43	89	32	100	17.32%	34.63%	51.95%	63	69
W, ppm	6.43	1.06	4.31	8.54	3.26	9.60	16.44%	32.89%	49.33%	6.10	6.75
Y, ppm	35.2	3.40	28.4	42.0	25.0	45.4	9.64%	19.29%	28.93%	33.5	37.0
Yb, ppm	2.36	0.215	1.93	2.79	1.72	3.00	9.10%	18.20%	27.30%	2.24	2.48
Zn, wt.%	3.63	0.094	3.44	3.82	3.35	3.91	2.60%	5.20%	7.80%	3.45	3.81
Aqua Regia Digestion											
Ag, ppm	149	5	139	158	134	163	3.19%	6.37%	9.56%	141	156
Al, wt.%	1.13	0.13	0.87	1.38	0.75	1.50	11.17%	22.34%	33.52%	1.07	1.18
As, ppm	2147	108	1930	2364	1822	2473	5.05%	10.10%	15.16%	2040	2254
Bi, ppm	6.32	0.75	4.83	7.81	4.08	8.55	11.80%	23.59%	35.39%	6.00	6.63
Ca, wt.%	2.14	0.107	1.92	2.35	1.81	2.46	5.02%	10.04%	15.06%	2.03	2.24
Cd, ppm	101	9	83	118	74	127	8.78%	17.56%	26.34%	96	106
Ce, ppm	88	10	67	108	57	118	11.60%	23.20%	34.79%	83	92
Co, ppm	26.8	1.59	23.6	30.0	22.0	31.6	5.91%	11.83%	17.74%	25.5	28.1
Cr, ppm	20.1	1.83	16.5	23.8	14.6	25.6	9.10%	18.21%	27.31%	19.1	21.1
Cs, ppm	2.58	0.144	2.29	2.86	2.14	3.01	5.59%	11.19%	16.78%	2.45	2.70
Cu, ppm	310	8	293	327	285	335	2.69%	5.38%	8.07%	295	326
Eu, ppm	3.63	0.47	2.70	4.56	2.23	5.03	12.85%	25.70%	38.55%	3.45	3.81

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Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued											
Fe, wt.%	11.12	0.508	10.10	12.13	9.59	12.64	4.57%	9.15%	13.72%	10.56	11.67
Ga, ppm	5.70	0.85	4.00	7.41	3.14	8.26	14.95%	29.90%	44.85%	5.42	5.99
Hg, ppm	1.70	0.126	1.45	1.95	1.32	2.08	7.41%	14.81%	22.22%	1.61	1.78
In, ppm	1.92	0.187	1.54	2.29	1.36	2.48	9.77%	19.53%	29.30%	1.82	2.01
La, ppm	43.0	7.1	28.8	57.1	21.8	64.2	16.45%	32.91%	49.36%	40.8	45.1
Li, ppm	25.6	2.38	20.8	30.3	18.4	32.7	9.32%	18.64%	27.95%	24.3	26.9
Lu, ppm	0.20	0.03	0.13	0.27	0.10	0.30	16.61%	33.21%	49.82%	0.19	0.21
Mg, wt.%	0.743	0.047	0.649	0.836	0.603	0.882	6.27%	12.55%	18.82%	0.705	0.780
Mn, wt.%	0.876	0.029	0.817	0.935	0.788	0.964	3.35%	6.70%	10.05%	0.832	0.920
Mo, ppm	7.04	0.630	5.78	8.30	5.15	8.93	8.96%	17.91%	26.87%	6.68	7.39
Na, wt.%	0.028	0.004	0.019	0.037	0.015	0.041	15.46%	30.93%	46.39%	0.027	0.029
Nd, ppm	40.3	3.35	33.6	47.0	30.3	50.4	8.31%	16.62%	24.92%	38.3	42.4
Ni, ppm	28.4	3.5	21.4	35.5	17.9	39.0	12.35%	24.71%	37.06%	27.0	29.8
P, wt.%	0.090	0.006	0.079	0.102	0.073	0.107	6.37%	12.73%	19.10%	0.086	0.095
Pb, wt.%	4.78	0.129	4.53	5.04	4.40	5.17	2.71%	5.41%	8.12%	4.55	5.02
Pr, ppm	9.98	1.44	7.10	12.87	5.66	14.31	14.44%	28.88%	43.32%	9.48	10.48
Rb, ppm	45.5	6.8	31.8	59.1	25.0	66.0	15.03%	30.06%	45.09%	43.2	47.7
S, wt.%	7.54	0.339	6.86	8.22	6.52	8.56	4.50%	8.99%	13.49%	7.16	7.92
Sb, ppm	83	13	58	109	45	121	15.25%	30.49%	45.74%	79	87
Sc, ppm	3.44	0.55	2.34	4.53	1.80	5.07	15.90%	31.79%	47.69%	3.26	3.61
Sn, ppm	3.69	0.46	2.76	4.62	2.30	5.08	12.55%	25.10%	37.64%	3.50	3.87
Sr, ppm	32.4	6.4	19.6	45.2	13.2	51.7	19.76%	39.52%	59.27%	30.8	34.1
Tb, ppm	0.94	0.18	0.58	1.30	0.40	1.48	19.07%	38.15%	57.22%	0.90	0.99
Te, ppm	0.18	0.03	0.12	0.24	0.09	0.27	17.33%	34.65%	51.98%	0.17	0.19
Th, ppm	7.71	0.85	6.01	9.42	5.16	10.27	11.03%	22.06%	33.10%	7.33	8.10
Ti, wt.%	0.025	0.002	0.020	0.029	0.017	0.032	10.05%	20.10%	30.16%	0.023	0.026
Tl, ppm	7.41	1.34	4.74	10.09	3.40	11.43	18.06%	36.13%	54.19%	7.04	7.79
U, ppm	7.65	0.313	7.03	8.28	6.72	8.59	4.09%	8.18%	12.26%	7.27	8.04
V, ppm	31.5	3.4	24.8	38.3	21.4	41.7	10.74%	21.47%	32.21%	30.0	33.1
W, ppm	5.76	0.455	4.85	6.67	4.40	7.13	7.90%	15.79%	23.69%	5.47	6.05
Y, ppm	25.9	1.97	21.9	29.8	19.9	31.8	7.63%	15.26%	22.89%	24.6	27.2
Yb, ppm	1.49	0.19	1.10	1.87	0.91	2.07	13.01%	26.01%	39.02%	1.41	1.56
Zn, wt.%	3.58	0.140	3.30	3.86	3.16	4.00	3.91%	7.83%	11.74%	3.40	3.76
Zr, ppm	25.7	5.0	15.7	35.8	10.7	40.8	19.51%	39.02%	58.53%	24.5	27.0
Infrared Combustion											
C, wt.%	2.89	0.076	2.74	3.04	2.66	3.12	2.62%	5.23%	7.85%	2.74	3.03
S, wt.%	7.81	0.148	7.51	8.10	7.36	8.25	1.90%	3.80%	5.70%	7.42	8.20

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