

## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR

# Uranium Ore

(Mantra Resources Nyota Prospect, Tanzania)

# CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL

# **OREAS 124**



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Table 1. Certified Va	Certified			ence Limits	95% Tolerance Limits		
Constituent	Value	SD	Low	High	Low	High	
Fusion XRF		<u></u>	•				
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	8.99	0.143	8.88	9.10	8.91	9.06	
BaO, Barium oxide (ppm)	1131	34	1115	1148	1124	1139	
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	0.123	0.008	0.119	0.126	0.122	0.123	
K2O, Potassium oxide (wt.%)	3.23	0.049	3.20	3.27	3.21	3.26	
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	0.382	0.021	0.364	0.400	0.368	0.397	
MnO, Manganese oxide (wt.%)	0.090	0.002	0.090	0.091	0.090	0.091	
P2O5, Phosphorus(V) oxide (wt.%)	0.075	0.005	0.072	0.079	0.074	0.076	
SiO <sub>2</sub> , Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	81.52	0.685	81.04	82.01	81.13	81.92	
TiO <sub>2</sub> , Titanium dioxide (wt.%)	0.441	0.010	0.435	0.447	0.427	0.454	
U, Uranium (ppm)	1845	40	1814	1877	1832	1858	
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP		<u> </u>	•			•	
U, Uranium (ppm)	1794	74	1738	1850	1754	1834	
Th, Thorium (ppm)	5.74	0.290	5.63	5.86	5.27	6.22	
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	47.6	2.87	45.5	49.8	46.1	49.2	
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	4.62	0.120	4.53	4.72	4.54	4.71	
Ba, Barium (ppm)	1017	34	987	1047	986	1047	
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	1.83	0.33	1.62	2.04	IND	IND	
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.088	0.009	0.079	0.097	IND	IND	
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	51	10	43	60	47	55	
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	2.82	0.170	2.72	2.93	2.61	3.04	
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.60	0.138	1.54	1.67	IND	IND	
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.15	0.098	1.07	1.22	1.10	1.19	
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	1.56	0.045	1.53	1.59	1.53	1.59	
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	10.5	0.53	10.2	10.9	IND	IND	
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	3.47	0.346	3.16	3.78	3.22	3.71	
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	6.22	0.414	5.88	6.56	5.70	6.74	
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.58	0.033	0.56	0.59	IND	IND	
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.62	0.058	2.59	2.66	2.54	2.70	
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	21.6	1.30	20.6	22.6	20.6	22.5	
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.26	0.04	0.22	0.29	0.23	0.29	
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.224	0.006	0.220	0.228	0.216	0.233	
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.070	0.001	0.070	0.070	IND	IND	
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	20.8	1.44	19.5	22.0	19.7	21.9	
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.033	0.003	0.032	0.034	IND	IND	
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	5.39	0.366	5.06	5.73	5.19	5.59	
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	86	3.6	83	89	83	89	

Table 1. Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence & Tolerance Limits for OREAS 124.

SI unit equivalents: ppm, parts per million  $\equiv$  mg/kg  $\equiv$  µg/g  $\equiv$  0.0001 wt.%  $\equiv$  1000 ppb, parts per billion. Note 1: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

Note 2: the number of decimal places quoted does not imply accuracy of the certified value to this level but are given to minimise rounding errors when calculating 2SD and 3SD windows.



•	Certified		95% Confid	lence Limits	95% Toler	ance Limits
Constituent	Value	SD	Low	High	Low	High
Borate / Peroxide Fusion IC	CP continued					
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	38.16	0.906	37.45	38.87	37.90	38.43
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	4.21	0.221	4.08	4.33	3.99	4.43
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.48	0.044	0.47	0.49	0.46	0.51
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.254	0.013	0.245	0.264	0.247	0.262
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.22	0.021	0.20	0.24	IND	IND
V, Vanadium (ppm)	23.3	4.6	18.3	28.2	20.6	25.9
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	14.2	0.61	13.8	14.5	13.4	15.0
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.63	0.151	1.53	1.73	IND	IND
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	260	21	244	275	242	278
4-Acid Digestion						
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	4.61	0.098	4.57	4.66	4.50	4.72
Ba, Barium (ppm)	1046	49	1020	1071	1015	1077
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	1.94	0.156	1.86	2.03	1.86	2.03
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.089	0.006	0.085	0.092	0.085	0.092
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	48.9	2.62	47.4	50.4	47.4	50.4
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	4.26	0.45	4.00	4.51	4.05	4.46
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	37.5	6.8	33.5	41.6	35.2	39.8
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	0.78	0.059	0.75	0.81	0.73	0.83
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	2.71	0.080	2.63	2.79	2.48	2.94
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.23	0.14	1.05	1.42	1.11	1.35
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	1.57	0.055	1.54	1.60	1.51	1.62
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	11.2	0.74	10.7	11.6	10.7	11.6
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	1.56	0.17	1.46	1.66	IND	IND
In, Indium (ppm)	0.014	0.002	0.012	0.016	IND	IND
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.56	0.116	2.49	2.63	2.48	2.63
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	21.4	1.23	20.8	22.1	20.5	22.3
Li, Lithium (ppm)	4.61	0.410	4.41	4.80	4.27	4.94
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.221	0.014	0.212	0.229	0.213	0.228
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.069	0.002	0.067	0.070	0.067	0.071
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	7.36	0.296	7.21	7.51	7.09	7.62
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.232	0.022	0.219	0.245	0.226	0.239
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	7.84	0.509	7.55	8.13	7.56	8.12
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	9.31	0.754	8.94	9.67	8.46	10.15
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.032	0.004	0.030	0.034	0.031	0.034
Pb, Lead (ppm)	20.2	1.47	19.5	20.9	19.2	21.2
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	85	7.3	81	89	82	88

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Table 1 continued.							
Constituent	Certified	SD	95% Confid	ence Limits	95% Toler	ance Limits	
Constituent	Value	30	Low	Low High		High	
4-Acid Digestion continued							
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	0.083	0.013	0.080	0.087	IND	IND	
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	3.01	0.089	2.97	3.06	2.87	3.16	
Sn, Tin (ppm)	0.71	0.041	0.69	0.73	IND	IND	
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	188	10	183	194	182	194	
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	0.56	0.06	0.53	0.59	0.51	0.61	
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.50	0.06	0.45	0.55	0.46	0.54	
Th, Thorium (ppm)	5.79	0.568	5.48	6.10	5.52	6.06	
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.252	0.015	0.244	0.260	0.241	0.263	
TI, Thallium (ppm)	0.41	0.029	0.40	0.43	0.40	0.43	
U, Uranium (ppm)	1779	90	1733	1826	1742	1817	
V, Vanadium (ppm)	23.0	1.82	22.1	24.0	22.1	23.9	
W, Tungsten (ppm)	0.71	0.067	0.67	0.75	IND	IND	
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	12.1	0.68	11.7	12.5	11.7	12.5	
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	14.3	1.9	13.2	15.4	13.3	15.4	
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	49.8	4.79	47.1	52.4	45.3	54.2	
Infrared Combustion							
C, Carbon (wt.%)	0.061	0.009	0.056	0.065	IND	IND	
Thermogravimetry							
LOI <sup>1000</sup> , Loss on ignition @1000°C (wt.%)	2.29	0.34	2.07	2.50	2.18	2.39	

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Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 124.											
Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value			
Borate Fusio	Borate Fusion XRF										
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	2.25	Rb	ppm	97	Zr	ppm	209			
Na <sub>2</sub> O	wt.%	0.326	S	wt.%	< 0.01						
Borate / Per	oxide Fusi	on ICP									
В	ppm	< 20	Na	wt.%	0.235	Sc	ppm	3.04			
Co	ppm	4.17	Nb	ppm	8.34	Sn	ppm	< 1			
Cs	ppm	0.76	Ni	ppm	12.3	Sr	ppm	188			
In	ppm	< 0.2	Pb	ppm	21.2	Та	ppm	0.53			
Li	ppm	4.08	Re	ppm	< 0.1	TI	ppm	0.43			
Мо	ppm	7.32	S	wt.%	< 0.01	W	ppm	< 1			
4-Acid Diges	stion										
Ag	ppm	0.043	Ge	ppm	0.26	S	wt.%	< 0.01			
As	ppm	3.34	Hg	ppm	0.077	Se	ppm	0.89			
Au	ppm	0.002	Ho	ppm	0.47	Sm	ppm	4.29			

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#### Table 2 continued. Constituent Unit Value Constituent Value Constituent Unit Value Unit **4-Acid Digestion continued** 0.037 0.21 Те < 0.05 Bi ppm Lu ppm ppm Cd Tm 0.20 ppm < 0.02 Nd ppm 22.3 ppm 3.89 1.36 Cu ppm Pr 5.68 Yb ppm ppm Er ppm 1.43 Re ppm 0.002 Gd 3.66 Ru < 0.1 ppm ppm **Infrared Combustion** S wt.% < 0.01 Thermogravimetry H<sub>2</sub>Owt.% 1.55 **Pressed Powder Pellet XRF** 2041 U ppm

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#### 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.

OREAS reference materials enable users to successfully achieve process control of these tasks because the observed variance from repeated analysis has its origin almost exclusively in the analytical process rather than the reference material itself.

#### SOURCE MATERIAL

Reference material OREAS 124 is one of a suite of five uranium CRMs prepared from material sourced from trenching at Mantra Resources Nyota Prospect, Tanzania. The Nyota Prospect is a Karoo sandstone-hosted tabular deposit. Mineralisation is secondary and typically concentrated within medium to very coarse grained sandstone units interbedded with greywackes, siltstones or mudstones. The distribution of mineralisation is controlled by primary sedimentary features, consistent with fluid migrating along permeable coarse grained units, along bedding planes, up cross bedding and with preferential deposition occurring around ferruginous concretions and claystone clasts. Supergene enrichment is interpreted to have contributed to the high grade nature of the secondary mineralisation observed in the trenches.





### **COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES**

The material constituting OREAS 124 was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying to constant mass at 105°C;
- Crushing;
- Milling to 100% minus 30 microns;
- Homogenisation;
- Packaging into 10g units in laminated foil pouches.

## ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Seventeen commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to characterise the elements reported in Table 1 and 2. The following methods were employed:

- Lithium borate fusion with X-ray fluorescence (9 laboratories)
- Sodium peroxide fusion or lithium borate fusion with ICP-OES and ICP-MS (10 laboratories)
- Four acid digestion with ICP-OES and ICP-MS (16 laboratories)
- Thermogravimetry for Loss On Ignition (12 laboratories)
- Infra-red combustion furnace for carbon and sulphur (11 laboratories)
- Pressed powder pellet XRF for U (2 laboratories)

For the round robin program ten 450g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following final blending, and are considered representative of the entire batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 25g scoop splits from each of three separate 450g test units. This format enabled nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity.

Tabulated results, together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and percent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are available upon request for this CRM (**OREAS 124 DataPack-2.1.190215\_144148.xlsx**).

Results are also presented in scatter plot for uranium by fusion ICP method in Figure 1, together with  $\pm 3$ SD (magenta) and  $\pm 5\%$  (yellow) control lines and certified value (green line). Accepted individual results are coloured blue and individual and dataset outliers are identified in red and violet, respectively.

#### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Certified Values, Standard Deviations, Confidence and Tolerance Limits** have been determined for each analytical method following removal of individual and laboratory outliers (Table 1). Certified Values are the mean of means after outlier filtering. The 95% Confidence Limit is a measure of the reliability of the certified value, i.e. the narrower the Confidence Interval the greater the certainty in the Certified Value. It should not be used as a control limit for laboratory performance.



**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.* 

**Indicative (uncertified) values** (Table 2) are provided where i) the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient (< 5) to support certification; ii) interlaboratory consensus is poor; or iii) a significant proportion of results are outlying or reported as less than detection limits.

**Standard Deviation** values (1SDs) are reported in Table 1. They 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. They 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 Standard Deviation values include all sources of measurement uncertainty: between-lab variance, within-run variance (precision errors) and CRM variability.

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 all 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.

As a guide two or more analytical results lying outside the 2SD window may be regarded as warning or rejection, and rejection for single results lying outside the 3SD window in QC monitoring, although their precise application should be at the discretion of the QC manager concerned.

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. One approach used at commercial laboratories is to set the acceptance criteria at twice the detection level (DL)  $\pm$  10%.

*i.e.* Certified Value ± 10% ± 2DL (adapted from Govett, 1983)



			Abaaluta	Ctondord	Deviation		Deletive	Otom dord D	<b>E</b> 0/	in dour	
Constituent	Certified		Absolute				Relative	Standard D	eviations	5% window	
	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Borate Fusion	Borate Fusion XRF										1
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	8.99	0.143	8.70	9.27	8.56	9.42	1.59%	3.19%	4.78%	8.54	9.44
BaO, ppm	1131	34	1063	1200	1029	1234	3.02%	6.05%	9.07%	1075	1188
CaO, wt.%	0.123	0.008	0.107	0.139	0.099	0.147	6.52%	13.05%	19.57%	0.117	0.129
K <sub>2</sub> O, wt.%	3.23	0.049	3.14	3.33	3.09	3.38	1.51%	3.03%	4.54%	3.07	3.40
MgO, wt.%	0.382	0.021	0.341	0.423	0.320	0.444	5.39%	10.78%	16.17%	0.363	0.401
MnO, wt.%	0.090	0.002	0.087	0.094	0.086	0.095	1.77%	3.55%	5.32%	0.086	0.095
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , wt.%	0.075	0.005	0.066	0.084	0.061	0.089	6.08%	12.17%	18.25%	0.071	0.079
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	81.52	0.685	80.15	82.89	79.47	83.58	0.84%	1.68%	2.52%	77.45	85.60
TiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	0.441	0.010	0.421	0.460	0.412	0.470	2.20%	4.40%	6.60%	0.419	0.463
U, ppm	1845	40	1765	1925	1725	1965	2.17%	4.33%	6.50%	1753	1937
Borate / Perox	de Fusion	ICP									
U, ppm	1794	74	1646	1942	1572	2016	4.12%	8.23%	12.35%	1704	1884
Th, ppm	5.74	0.290	5.16	6.33	4.87	6.62	5.06%	10.11%	15.17%	5.46	6.03
Ce, ppm	47.6	2.87	41.9	53.3	39.0	56.2	6.02%	12.04%	18.06%	45.2	50.0
Al, wt.%	4.62	0.120	4.38	4.86	4.26	4.98	2.59%	5.18%	7.77%	4.39	4.85
Ba, ppm	1017	34	950	1084	916	1117	3.30%	6.59%	9.89%	966	1068
Be, ppm	1.83	0.33	1.17	2.49	0.84	2.82	18.06%	36.13%	54.19%	1.74	1.92
Ca, wt.%	0.088	0.009	0.071	0.105	0.062	0.114	9.93%	19.86%	29.78%	0.084	0.092
Cr, ppm	51	10	31	71	22	81	19.22%	38.43%	57.65%	49	54
Dy, ppm	2.82	0.170	2.49	3.16	2.32	3.33	6.00%	12.00%	18.00%	2.68	2.97
Er, ppm	1.60	0.138	1.33	1.88	1.19	2.02	8.58%	17.16%	25.74%	1.52	1.69
Eu, ppm	1.15	0.098	0.95	1.34	0.85	1.44	8.56%	17.12%	25.69%	1.09	1.20
Fe, wt.%	1.56	0.045	1.47	1.65	1.43	1.70	2.90%	5.79%	8.69%	1.48	1.64
Ga, ppm	10.5	0.53	9.5	11.6	8.9	12.1	5.07%	10.14%	15.21%	10.0	11.1
Gd, ppm	3.47	0.346	2.78	4.16	2.43	4.51	9.98%	19.97%	29.95%	3.30	3.64
Hf, ppm	6.22	0.414	5.39	7.05	4.98	7.46	6.65%	13.31%	19.96%	5.91	6.53
Ho, ppm	0.58	0.033	0.51	0.65	0.48	0.68	5.77%	11.53%	17.30%	0.55	0.61
K, wt.%	2.62	0.058	2.51	2.74	2.45	2.80	2.20%	4.40%	6.60%	2.49	2.75
La, ppm	21.6	1.30	19.0	24.2	17.7	25.5	6.02%	12.04%	18.06%	20.5	22.6
Lu, ppm	0.26	0.04	0.17	0.34	0.13	0.38	16.27%	32.53%	48.80%	0.24	0.27
Mg, wt.%	0.224	0.006	0.213	0.236	0.207	0.242	2.58%	5.16%	7.75%	0.213	0.235
Mn, wt.%	0.070	0.001	0.068	0.072	0.067	0.073	1.49%	2.99%	4.48%	0.066	0.073
Nd, ppm	20.8	1.44	17.9	23.6	16.4	25.1	6.93%	13.87%	20.80%	19.7	21.8
P, wt.%	0.033	0.003	0.027	0.039	0.024	0.042	9.36%	18.72%	28.09%	0.032	0.035
Pr, ppm	5.39	0.366	4.66	6.12	4.30	6.49	6.78%	13.55%	20.33%	5.12	5.66
Rb, ppm	86	3.6	79	93	75	97	4.23%	8.46%	12.69%	82	90
Si, wt.%	38.16	0.906	36.35	39.97	35.44	40.88	2.37%	4.75%	7.12%	36.25	40.07
Sm, ppm	4.21	0.221	3.77	4.65	3.55	4.87	5.25%	10.51%	15.76%	4.00	4.42
Tb, ppm	0.48	0.044	0.39	0.57	0.35	0.62	9.19%	18.37%	27.56%	0.46	0.51
Ti, wt.%	0.254	0.013	0.229	0.280	0.216	0.293	5.02%	10.03%	15.05%	0.242	0.267
Tm, ppm	0.22	0.021	0.18	0.26	0.16	0.29	9.45%	18.90%	28.35%	0.21	0.23
V, ppm	23.3	4.6	14.1	32.5	9.5	37.1	19.76%	39.52%	59.28%	22.1	24.4

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Constituent	Certified		Absolute	Standard	Deviations	6	Relative	Standard D	eviations	5% w	indow
Constituent	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Borate / Perox	kide Fusion	ICP conti	nued								
Y, ppm	14.2	0.61	12.9	15.4	12.3	16.0	4.33%	8.65%	12.98%	13.5	14.9
Yb, ppm	1.63	0.151	1.32	1.93	1.17	2.08	9.30%	18.60%	27.91%	1.55	1.71
Zr, ppm	260	21	218	302	197	323	8.08%	16.16%	24.24%	247	273
4-Acid Digest	ion										
Al, wt.%	4.61	0.098	4.42	4.81	4.32	4.91	2.12%	4.23%	6.35%	4.38	4.84
Ba, ppm	1046	49	947	1144	898	1193	4.71%	9.42%	14.13%	993	1098
Be, ppm	1.94	0.156	1.63	2.25	1.47	2.41	8.05%	16.11%	24.16%	1.84	2.04
Ca, wt.%	0.089	0.006	0.077	0.101	0.071	0.107	6.73%	13.46%	20.20%	0.084	0.093
Ce, ppm	48.9	2.62	43.7	54.2	41.1	56.8	5.35%	10.69%	16.04%	46.5	51.4
Co, ppm	4.26	0.45	3.35	5.16	2.89	5.62	10.67%	21.34%	32.01%	4.04	4.47
Cr, ppm	37.5	6.8	23.9	51.2	17.0	58.0	18.19%	36.37%	54.56%	35.6	39.4
Cs, ppm	0.78	0.059	0.66	0.90	0.60	0.96	7.53%	15.05%	22.58%	0.74	0.82
Dy, ppm	2.71	0.080	2.55	2.87	2.47	2.95	2.95%	5.90%	8.85%	2.58	2.85
Eu, ppm	1.23	0.14	0.96	1.51	0.82	1.64	11.15%	22.30%	33.45%	1.17	1.29
Fe, wt.%	1.57	0.055	1.46	1.68	1.40	1.73	3.53%	7.07%	10.60%	1.49	1.65
Ga, ppm	11.2	0.74	9.7	12.6	8.9	13.4	6.60%	13.20%	19.80%	10.6	11.7
Hf, ppm	1.56	0.17	1.21	1.91	1.03	2.08	11.21%	22.41%	33.62%	1.48	1.64
In, ppm	0.014	0.002	0.009	0.019	0.006	0.021	17.65%	35.29%	52.94%	0.013	0.014
K, wt.%	2.56	0.116	2.33	2.79	2.21	2.91	4.54%	9.08%	13.62%	2.43	2.69
La, ppm	21.4	1.23	19.0	23.9	17.7	25.1	5.72%	11.44%	17.16%	20.4	22.5
Li, ppm	4.61	0.410	3.79	5.43	3.38	5.84	8.91%	17.82%	26.73%	4.38	4.84
Mg, wt.%	0.221	0.014	0.192	0.249	0.177	0.264	6.51%	13.03%	19.54%	0.210	0.232
Mn, wt.%	0.069	0.002	0.064	0.073	0.062	0.075	3.13%	6.26%	9.39%	0.065	0.072
Mo, ppm	7.36	0.296	6.77	7.95	6.47	8.25	4.02%	8.03%	12.05%	6.99	7.73
Na, wt.%	0.232	0.022	0.188	0.277	0.165	0.300	9.63%	19.27%	28.90%	0.221	0.244
Nb, ppm	7.84	0.509	6.82	8.86	6.31	9.37	6.50%	12.99%	19.49%	7.45	8.23
Ni, ppm	9.31	0.754	7.80	10.81	7.04	11.57	8.10%	16.21%	24.31%	8.84	9.77
P, wt.%	0.032	0.004	0.025	0.039	0.022	0.043	11.04%	22.09%	33.13%	0.031	0.034
Pb, ppm	20.2	1.47	17.3	23.2	15.8	24.6	7.28%	14.56%	21.84%	19.2	21.2
Rb, ppm	85	7.3	70	99	63	107	8.55%	17.10%	25.66%	81	89
Sb, ppm	0.083	0.013	0.058	0.108	0.046	0.121	15.09%	30.18%	45.27%	0.079	0.087
Sc, ppm	3.01	0.089	2.84	3.19	2.75	3.28	2.95%	5.89%	8.84%	2.86	3.16
Sn, ppm	0.71	0.041	0.63	0.79	0.59	0.84	5.79%	11.59%	17.38%	0.68	0.75
Sr, ppm	188	10	168	208	158	218	5.28%	10.56%	15.84%	179	198
Ta, ppm	0.56	0.06	0.45	0.68	0.39	0.73	10.26%	20.53%	30.79%	0.53	0.59
Tb, ppm	0.50	0.06	0.39	0.61	0.33	0.67	11.22%	22.44%	33.66%	0.48	0.53
Th, ppm	5.79	0.568	4.65	6.92	4.08	7.49	9.81%	19.62%	29.44%	5.50	6.08
Ti, wt.%	0.252	0.015	0.223	0.282	0.208	0.296	5.81%	11.61%	17.42%	0.240	0.265
TI, ppm	0.41	0.029	0.36	0.47	0.33	0.50	6.97%	13.95%	20.92%	0.39	0.44
U, ppm	1779	90	1600	1959	1510	2048	5.04%	10.08%	15.12%	1690	1868
V, ppm	23.0	1.82	19.4	26.7	17.6	28.5	7.89%	15.78%	23.67%	21.9	24.2
W, ppm	0.71	0.067	0.58	0.85	0.51	0.91	9.36%	18.71%	28.07%	0.68	0.75

#### Table 3 continued.

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Constituent	Certified	Certified Absolute Standard Deviations			Relative Standard Deviations			5% window			
Constituent	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digest	ion continue	əd									
Y, ppm	12.1	0.68	10.7	13.5	10.1	14.2	5.65%	11.29%	16.94%	11.5	12.7
Zn, ppm	14.3	1.9	10.5	18.2	8.5	20.2	13.52%	27.04%	40.56%	13.6	15.1
Zr, ppm	49.8	4.79	40.2	59.3	35.4	64.1	9.63%	19.26%	28.88%	47.3	52.2
Infrared Comb	oustion										
C, wt.%	0.061	0.009	0.043	0.078	0.034	0.087	14.67%	29.35%	44.02%	0.058	0.064
Thermogravin	netry										
LOI <sup>1000</sup> , wt.%	2.29	0.34	1.61	2.96	1.27	3.30	14.74%	29.49%	44.23%	2.17	2.40

#### Table 3 continued.

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**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 uranium by lithium borate fusion XRF, where 99% of the time  $(1-\alpha=0.99)$  at least 95% of subsamples ( $\rho=0.95$ ) will have concentrations lying between 1832 and 1858 ppm. 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.* 

#### **ANOVA Study**

The homogeneity of OREAS 751 has also been evaluated in an ANOVA study for all certified analytes occurring at least 20 times the lower limit of detection. No significant *p*-values were found indicating that no evidence exists that between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

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 751 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 interlaboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 751 is sufficiently homogenous and is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).



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#### METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY

The analytical samples were selected in a manner to represent the entire batch of prepared CRM. This 'representivity' was maintained in each submitted laboratory sample batch and ensures the user that the data is traceable from sample selection through to the analytical results that underlie the consensus values. Each analytical data set has been validated by its assayer through the inclusion of internal reference materials and QC checks during analysis.

The laboratories were chosen on the basis of their competence (from past performance in inter-laboratory programs undertaken by ORE Pty Ltd) for a particular analytical method, analyte or analyte suite, and sample matrix. Most of these laboratories have and maintain ISO 17025 accreditation. The certified values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust statistical treatment as detailed in this report.

Guide ISO/TR 16476:2016, section 5.3.1 describes metrological traceability in reference materials as it pertains to the transformation of the measurand. In this section it states, *"Although the determination of the property value itself can be made traceable to appropriate units through, for example, calibration of the measurement equipment used, steps like the transformation of the sample from one physical (chemical) state to another cannot. Such transformations may only be compared with a reference (when available), or among themselves. For some transformations, reference methods have been defined and may be used in certification projects to evaluate the uncertainty associated with such a transformation. In other cases, only a comparison among different laboratories using the same method is possible. In this case, certification takes place on the basis of agreement among independent measurement results (see ISO Guide 35:2006, Clause 10)."* 

#### COMMUTABILITY

The measurements of the results that underlie the certified values contained in this report were undertaken by methods involving pre-treatment (digestion/fusion) of the sample. This served to reduce the sample to a simple and well understood form permitting calibration using simple solutions of the CRM. Due to these methods being well understood and highly effective, commutability is not an issue for this CRM. All OREAS CRMs are sourced from natural ore minerals meaning they will display similar behaviour as routine 'field' samples in the relevant measurement process. Care should be taken to ensure 'matrix matching' as close as practically achievable. The matrix and mineralisation style of the CRM is described in the 'Source Material' section and users should select appropriate CRMs matching these attributes to their field samples.

#### INTENDED USE

OREAS 124 is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Tables 1-5 in geological samples
- For the verification of analytical methods for analytes reported in Tables 1-5
- For the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of analytes reported in Tables 1-5



### STABILITY AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

OREAS 124 has been sourced from samples of secondary uranium mineralisation. In its unopened state and under normal conditions of storage it has a shelf life beyond ten years. Its stability will be monitored at regular intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CORRECT USE

The certified values for lithium borate fusion XRF and for LOI are on a dry basis whilst all other certified values are reported on an "as received" basis. A moisture content of ~1.6 wt.% has been determined for OREAS 124 in its packaged state.

#### HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Being a fine radioactive powder, safety precautions should be observed when handling OREAS 124 to protect against inhalation and ingestion. Personal Protective Equipment is required for the respiratory system, eyes and skin.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Ore Research & Exploration Pty Ltd has prepared and statistically evaluated the property values of this reference material to the best of its ability. The Purchaser by receipt hereof releases and indemnifies Ore Research & Exploration Pty Ltd from and against all liability and costs arising from the use of this material and information.

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#### QMS ACCREDITED

ORE Pty Ltd is accredited to ISO 9001:2015 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd for its quality management system including development, manufacturing, certification and supply of CRMs.







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