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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR

CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL

OREAS 315

Zinc-Lead-Silver Ore

(Northern Queensland, Australia)

Statistics for *Key Economic Elements.

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	72.5	2.83	66.8	78.1	64.0	81.0	3.91%	7.82%	11.74%	68.8	76.1
Pb, wt.%	3.79	0.107	3.57	4.00	3.47	4.11	2.83%	5.66%	8.49%	3.60	3.98
Zn, wt.%	5.45	0.122	5.21	5.70	5.09	5.82	2.24%	4.47%	6.71%	5.18	5.73

*See Table 1 for full list of certified values;

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Oxidising Fusion XRF											
Al_2O_3, wt.%	10.10	0.159	9.78	10.42	9.62	10.58	1.58%	3.15%	4.73%	9.60	10.61
As, ppm	183	51	81	285	30	336	27.79%	55.58%	83.37%	174	192
BaO, wt.%	0.247	0.017	0.214	0.281	0.197	0.298	6.81%	13.63%	20.44%	0.235	0.260
CaO, wt.%	1.41	0.034	1.35	1.48	1.31	1.51	2.39%	4.78%	7.17%	1.34	1.48
Cu, ppm	834	47	741	927	694	973	5.59%	11.17%	16.76%	792	875
Fe, wt.%	5.25	0.103	5.05	5.46	4.95	5.56	1.96%	3.93%	5.89%	4.99	5.52
K_2O, wt.%	3.12	0.105	2.91	3.33	2.80	3.44	3.37%	6.75%	10.12%	2.96	3.28
MgO, wt.%	1.47	0.065	1.34	1.60	1.27	1.66	4.43%	8.86%	13.30%	1.39	1.54
Mn, wt.%	0.116	0.006	0.105	0.127	0.099	0.133	4.77%	9.55%	14.32%	0.110	0.122
Na_2O, wt.%	0.230	0.071	0.088	0.372	0.018	0.443	30.79%	61.59%	92.38%	0.219	0.242
P_2O_5, wt.%	0.075	0.009	0.057	0.093	0.048	0.102	11.95%	23.90%	35.85%	0.072	0.079
Pb, wt.%	3.82	0.233	3.35	4.29	3.12	4.52	6.11%	12.21%	18.32%	3.63	4.01
S, wt.%	5.48	0.395	4.69	6.27	4.29	6.66	7.21%	14.43%	21.64%	5.20	5.75
SiO_2, wt.%	55.96	0.932	54.09	57.82	53.16	58.75	1.66%	3.33%	4.99%	53.16	58.75
TiO_2, wt.%	0.405	0.009	0.387	0.423	0.378	0.432	2.22%	4.44%	6.67%	0.385	0.425
Zn, wt.%	5.55	0.119	5.31	5.79	5.19	5.91	2.15%	4.29%	6.44%	5.27	5.83
Thermogravimetry											
LOI^{1000}, wt.%	7.85	0.132	7.59	8.12	7.46	8.25	1.68%	3.35%	5.03%	7.46	8.25
Infrared Combustion											
C, wt.%	1.47	0.049	1.37	1.57	1.32	1.61	3.37%	6.73%	10.10%	1.39	1.54
S, wt.%	5.60	0.115	5.37	5.83	5.26	5.95	2.05%	4.10%	6.15%	5.32	5.88
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP											
Ag, ppm	69.0	6.9	55.1	82.9	48.2	89.9	10.07%	20.14%	30.21%	65.6	72.5
Al, wt.%	5.34	0.087	5.17	5.52	5.08	5.60	1.63%	3.26%	4.89%	5.08	5.61
As, ppm	142	26	90	193	65	218	18.10%	36.20%	54.30%	134	149
B, ppm	99	23	53	145	30	168	23.35%	46.69%	70.04%	94	103
Ba, wt.%	0.221	0.012	0.197	0.244	0.185	0.256	5.32%	10.64%	15.96%	0.210	0.232
Be, ppm	2.29	0.45	1.40	3.18	0.95	3.63	19.47%	38.94%	58.41%	2.18	2.41
Bi, ppm	8.97	1.29	6.39	11.54	5.11	12.82	14.35%	28.69%	43.04%	8.52	9.41
Ca, wt.%	0.976	0.081	0.814	1.138	0.732	1.219	8.31%	16.63%	24.94%	0.927	1.025
Cd, ppm	143	9	125	160	116	169	6.24%	12.48%	18.72%	135	150
Ce, ppm	66	2.8	61	72	58	75	4.23%	8.45%	12.68%	63	70
Co, ppm	19.0	1.42	16.2	21.9	14.8	23.3	7.44%	14.87%	22.31%	18.1	20.0
Cr, ppm	199	33	134	264	101	297	16.41%	32.82%	49.23%	189	209
Cs, ppm	3.32	0.234	2.85	3.79	2.62	4.02	7.06%	14.12%	21.18%	3.15	3.48
Cu, ppm	782	49	685	880	637	928	6.21%	12.42%	18.64%	743	822
Dy, ppm	3.86	0.296	3.26	4.45	2.97	4.74	7.67%	15.33%	23.00%	3.66	4.05
Er, ppm	2.20	0.196	1.81	2.59	1.61	2.79	8.90%	17.80%	26.70%	2.09	2.31
Eu, ppm	1.04	0.100	0.84	1.24	0.74	1.34	9.63%	19.26%	28.88%	0.99	1.09
Fe, wt.%	5.29	0.161	4.97	5.61	4.81	5.77	3.04%	6.07%	9.11%	5.02	5.55

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Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued											
Ga, ppm	16.7	1.9	12.9	20.6	11.0	22.5	11.47%	22.95%	34.42%	15.9	17.6
Gd, ppm	4.40	0.313	3.77	5.02	3.46	5.34	7.13%	14.25%	21.38%	4.18	4.62
Ge, ppm	4.43	0.80	2.84	6.03	2.04	6.83	18.01%	36.03%	54.04%	4.21	4.65
Hf, ppm	2.45	0.42	1.61	3.29	1.19	3.71	17.16%	34.32%	51.47%	2.33	2.57
Ho, ppm	0.72	0.053	0.62	0.83	0.56	0.88	7.34%	14.68%	22.02%	0.69	0.76
In, ppm	1.54	0.119	1.30	1.78	1.18	1.89	7.74%	15.48%	23.22%	1.46	1.61
K, wt.%	2.61	0.088	2.43	2.78	2.34	2.87	3.39%	6.79%	10.18%	2.48	2.74
La, ppm	32.3	2.24	27.8	36.8	25.5	39.0	6.95%	13.90%	20.84%	30.7	33.9
Li, ppm	22.4	1.95	18.5	26.3	16.5	28.2	8.70%	17.41%	26.11%	21.3	23.5
Lu, ppm	0.31	0.03	0.24	0.37	0.21	0.41	10.49%	20.97%	31.46%	0.29	0.32
Mg, wt.%	0.872	0.027	0.818	0.926	0.791	0.953	3.10%	6.21%	9.31%	0.828	0.916
Mn, wt.%	0.116	0.005	0.105	0.126	0.099	0.132	4.70%	9.40%	14.10%	0.110	0.121
Mo, ppm	11.0	1.4	8.2	13.7	6.9	15.0	12.39%	24.79%	37.18%	10.4	11.5
Nb, ppm	9.73	1.17	7.40	12.06	6.23	13.23	11.98%	23.96%	35.94%	9.24	10.22
Nd, ppm	27.9	1.84	24.2	31.6	22.4	33.4	6.59%	13.18%	19.77%	26.5	29.3
Ni, ppm	237	18	202	273	184	291	7.54%	15.09%	22.63%	225	249
P, wt.%	0.036	0.005	0.025	0.047	0.020	0.052	15.03%	30.06%	45.09%	0.034	0.038
Pb, wt.%	3.69	0.134	3.42	3.95	3.28	4.09	3.63%	7.26%	10.88%	3.50	3.87
Pr, ppm	7.34	0.701	5.94	8.74	5.24	9.44	9.55%	19.10%	28.65%	6.97	7.71
Rb, ppm	126	9	107	145	97	154	7.55%	15.10%	22.64%	119	132
S, wt.%	5.52	0.161	5.20	5.84	5.04	6.01	2.92%	5.84%	8.76%	5.25	5.80
Sb, ppm	102	6	90	113	85	118	5.54%	11.09%	16.63%	96	107
Sc, ppm	8.58	0.95	6.68	10.47	5.73	11.42	11.06%	22.12%	33.19%	8.15	9.00
Si, wt.%	27.03	1.197	24.63	29.42	23.44	30.62	4.43%	8.85%	13.28%	25.68	28.38
Sm, ppm	5.07	0.431	4.21	5.93	3.78	6.37	8.50%	17.00%	25.49%	4.82	5.33
Sr, ppm	68	8	53	83	46	91	11.04%	22.09%	33.13%	65	72
Ta, ppm	0.79	0.16	0.48	1.10	0.32	1.25	19.78%	39.56%	59.34%	0.75	0.83
Tb, ppm	0.62	0.035	0.55	0.69	0.52	0.72	5.57%	11.15%	16.72%	0.59	0.65
Th, ppm	11.3	0.76	9.8	12.8	9.0	13.6	6.69%	13.38%	20.07%	10.7	11.9
Ti, wt.%	0.242	0.008	0.225	0.258	0.217	0.266	3.37%	6.73%	10.10%	0.230	0.254
Tl, ppm	18.5	1.22	16.1	20.9	14.8	22.2	6.59%	13.18%	19.77%	17.6	19.4
Tm, ppm	0.32	0.027	0.27	0.37	0.24	0.40	8.38%	16.77%	25.15%	0.30	0.34
U, ppm	4.03	0.323	3.38	4.68	3.06	5.00	8.02%	16.04%	24.06%	3.83	4.23
V, ppm	117	7	103	131	96	137	5.85%	11.69%	17.54%	111	123
W, ppm	1.88	0.49	0.89	2.86	0.39	3.36	26.33%	52.66%	78.99%	1.78	1.97
Y, ppm	20.8	2.6	15.7	26.0	13.1	28.5	12.31%	24.62%	36.93%	19.8	21.9
Yb, ppm	2.19	0.186	1.82	2.57	1.63	2.75	8.51%	17.01%	25.52%	2.08	2.30
Zn, wt.%	5.46	0.122	5.21	5.70	5.09	5.82	2.23%	4.46%	6.69%	5.18	5.73
Zr, ppm	85	4.6	76	94	71	99	5.38%	10.75%	16.13%	81	89

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4-Acid Digestion											
Ag, ppm	72.5	2.83	66.8	78.1	64.0	81.0	3.91%	7.82%	11.74%	68.8	76.1
Al, wt.%	5.24	0.233	4.78	5.71	4.54	5.94	4.45%	8.89%	13.34%	4.98	5.51
As, ppm	145	10	125	164	115	174	6.83%	13.67%	20.50%	137	152
Be, ppm	2.22	0.181	1.86	2.59	1.68	2.77	8.13%	16.26%	24.39%	2.11	2.34
Bi, ppm	8.28	0.412	7.45	9.10	7.04	9.51	4.97%	9.95%	14.92%	7.86	8.69
Ca, wt.%	1.03	0.041	0.95	1.11	0.91	1.15	3.98%	7.95%	11.93%	0.98	1.08
Cd, ppm	140	6	128	152	122	158	4.25%	8.49%	12.74%	133	147
Ce, ppm	64	3.7	57	72	53	75	5.76%	11.52%	17.28%	61	67
Co, ppm	17.7	1.9	13.9	21.4	12.0	23.3	10.73%	21.45%	32.18%	16.8	18.5
Cr, ppm	161	15	131	191	116	206	9.33%	18.66%	27.99%	153	169
Cs, ppm	3.24	0.33	2.58	3.89	2.25	4.22	10.12%	20.24%	30.35%	3.08	3.40
Cu, ppm	785	54	676	894	622	948	6.93%	13.85%	20.78%	746	824
Dy, ppm	3.17	0.52	2.12	4.22	1.60	4.75	16.53%	33.07%	49.60%	3.02	3.33
Er, ppm	1.62	0.28	1.06	2.18	0.78	2.45	17.29%	34.59%	51.88%	1.54	1.70
Eu, ppm	1.03	0.103	0.83	1.24	0.72	1.34	9.94%	19.88%	29.82%	0.98	1.08
Fe, wt.%	5.18	0.234	4.71	5.65	4.48	5.88	4.52%	9.05%	13.57%	4.92	5.44
Ga, ppm	15.9	0.76	14.3	17.4	13.6	18.1	4.78%	9.56%	14.34%	15.1	16.7
Gd, ppm	4.20	0.50	3.20	5.20	2.70	5.70	11.92%	23.83%	35.75%	3.99	4.41
Hf, ppm	2.05	0.22	1.60	2.49	1.38	2.72	10.92%	21.83%	32.75%	1.94	2.15
Ho, ppm	0.57	0.10	0.37	0.78	0.26	0.89	18.18%	36.36%	54.54%	0.55	0.60
In, ppm	1.51	0.093	1.33	1.70	1.23	1.79	6.17%	12.34%	18.51%	1.44	1.59
K, wt.%	2.57	0.094	2.38	2.76	2.29	2.85	3.64%	7.29%	10.93%	2.44	2.70
La, ppm	31.6	2.43	26.8	36.5	24.4	38.9	7.68%	15.36%	23.04%	30.1	33.2
Li, ppm	21.7	0.79	20.2	23.3	19.4	24.1	3.61%	7.22%	10.84%	20.6	22.8
Lu, ppm	0.25	0.04	0.18	0.32	0.14	0.36	14.69%	29.38%	44.08%	0.24	0.26
Mg, wt.%	0.858	0.055	0.748	0.969	0.693	1.024	6.41%	12.82%	19.24%	0.816	0.901
Mn, wt.%	0.113	0.007	0.099	0.128	0.092	0.135	6.31%	12.63%	18.94%	0.108	0.119
Mo, ppm	9.84	0.650	8.54	11.14	7.89	11.79	6.61%	13.22%	19.83%	9.34	10.33
Na, wt.%	0.092	0.009	0.073	0.110	0.064	0.119	10.11%	20.23%	30.34%	0.087	0.096
Nd, ppm	27.1	1.50	24.1	30.2	22.6	31.7	5.54%	11.08%	16.63%	25.8	28.5
Ni, ppm	232	16	201	263	185	279	6.72%	13.45%	20.17%	220	243
P, wt.%	0.034	0.003	0.028	0.039	0.025	0.042	8.59%	17.17%	25.76%	0.032	0.035
Pb, wt.%	3.79	0.107	3.57	4.00	3.47	4.11	2.83%	5.66%	8.49%	3.60	3.98
Pr, ppm	7.27	0.721	5.82	8.71	5.10	9.43	9.93%	19.85%	29.78%	6.90	7.63
Rb, ppm	121	7	106	135	99	142	6.07%	12.13%	18.20%	115	127
S, wt.%	5.37	0.322	4.73	6.02	4.41	6.34	5.99%	11.98%	17.97%	5.10	5.64
Sb, ppm	92	10	72	111	62	121	10.72%	21.45%	32.17%	87	96
Sc, ppm	9.22	0.93	7.37	11.07	6.44	11.99	10.04%	20.08%	30.12%	8.76	9.68
Se, ppm	2.91	0.53	1.86	3.97	1.33	4.49	18.09%	36.18%	54.27%	2.77	3.06
Sm, ppm	5.23	0.58	4.08	6.38	3.50	6.95	11.01%	22.01%	33.02%	4.97	5.49

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4-Acid Digestion continued											
Sn, ppm	3.14	0.42	2.30	3.98	1.89	4.40	13.34%	26.67%	40.01%	2.99	3.30
Sr, ppm	61	3.9	53	69	49	73	6.33%	12.65%	18.98%	58	64
Ta, ppm	0.22	0.07	0.08	0.36	0.01	0.44	32.52%	65.04%	97.56%	0.21	0.23
Tb, ppm	0.56	0.07	0.42	0.70	0.35	0.78	12.66%	25.32%	37.97%	0.53	0.59
Te, ppm	0.30	0.10	0.10	0.50	0.00	0.60	32.96%	65.92%	98.88%	0.29	0.32
Th, ppm	10.9	0.64	9.6	12.2	8.9	12.8	5.93%	11.87%	17.80%	10.3	11.4
Ti, wt.%	0.168	0.031	0.107	0.230	0.077	0.260	18.19%	36.38%	54.57%	0.160	0.177
Tl, ppm	19.6	1.35	17.0	22.3	15.6	23.7	6.85%	13.71%	20.56%	18.7	20.6
Tm, ppm	0.28	0.06	0.16	0.40	0.10	0.46	21.25%	42.50%	63.76%	0.27	0.30
U, ppm	3.92	0.156	3.61	4.23	3.45	4.39	3.97%	7.94%	11.91%	3.72	4.12
V, ppm	115	6	103	127	97	133	5.18%	10.36%	15.55%	109	121
W, ppm	1.99	0.34	1.31	2.66	0.97	3.00	17.04%	34.08%	51.12%	1.89	2.09
Y, ppm	14.9	2.8	9.4	20.4	6.6	23.2	18.50%	37.00%	55.51%	14.2	15.6
Yb, ppm	1.71	0.34	1.03	2.40	0.69	2.74	19.90%	39.80%	59.71%	1.63	1.80
Zn, wt.%	5.45	0.122	5.21	5.70	5.09	5.82	2.24%	4.47%	6.71%	5.18	5.73
Zr, ppm	66	3.6	59	73	55	77	5.52%	11.03%	16.55%	63	69
Aqua Regia Digestion											
Ag, ppm	72.1	2.88	66.4	77.9	63.5	80.8	3.99%	7.99%	11.98%	68.5	75.7
Al, wt.%	0.680	0.100	0.481	0.880	0.381	0.980	14.65%	29.30%	43.95%	0.646	0.714
As, ppm	142	7	129	155	122	162	4.67%	9.33%	14.00%	135	149
Be, ppm	0.55	0.07	0.41	0.69	0.34	0.77	13.02%	26.04%	39.05%	0.52	0.58
Bi, ppm	8.07	0.427	7.22	8.93	6.79	9.35	5.29%	10.58%	15.87%	7.67	8.48
Ca, wt.%	1.01	0.041	0.92	1.09	0.88	1.13	4.10%	8.20%	12.30%	0.95	1.06
Cd, ppm	137	13	112	162	100	175	9.15%	18.30%	27.46%	130	144
Ce, ppm	43.2	7.6	28.0	58.4	20.4	66.0	17.60%	35.20%	52.81%	41.0	45.3
Co, ppm	16.2	1.26	13.7	18.7	12.4	20.0	7.79%	15.57%	23.36%	15.4	17.0
Cr, ppm	59	3.5	52	66	48	69	6.00%	12.00%	17.99%	56	62
Cs, ppm	1.04	0.095	0.85	1.23	0.76	1.32	9.10%	18.20%	27.30%	0.99	1.09
Cu, ppm	793	41	711	874	670	915	5.15%	10.29%	15.44%	753	832
Dy, ppm	1.36	0.20	0.96	1.75	0.77	1.95	14.53%	29.06%	43.59%	1.29	1.42
Er, ppm	0.63	0.10	0.43	0.84	0.33	0.94	16.02%	32.03%	48.05%	0.60	0.67
Eu, ppm	0.54	0.051	0.44	0.64	0.39	0.69	9.45%	18.89%	28.34%	0.51	0.57
Fe, wt.%	5.02	0.261	4.49	5.54	4.23	5.80	5.20%	10.39%	15.59%	4.77	5.27
Ga, ppm	2.86	0.45	1.95	3.77	1.49	4.22	15.92%	31.83%	47.75%	2.71	3.00
Gd, ppm	2.24	0.25	1.73	2.74	1.47	3.00	11.37%	22.74%	34.11%	2.12	2.35
Hf, ppm	0.43	0.07	0.30	0.57	0.23	0.64	15.61%	31.23%	46.84%	0.41	0.45
Hg, ppm	2.09	0.111	1.87	2.31	1.76	2.43	5.30%	10.60%	15.89%	1.99	2.20
Ho, ppm	0.24	0.04	0.17	0.31	0.13	0.34	14.89%	29.78%	44.67%	0.22	0.25
In, ppm	1.40	0.22	0.95	1.84	0.73	2.07	15.90%	31.79%	47.69%	1.33	1.47
K, wt.%	0.270	0.035	0.199	0.341	0.164	0.377	13.12%	26.23%	39.35%	0.257	0.284

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Table 1. 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											
La, ppm	17.5	4.0	9.5	25.4	5.6	29.3	22.71%	45.41%	68.12%	16.6	18.3
Li, ppm	5.59	1.25	3.09	8.08	1.84	9.33	22.37%	44.73%	67.10%	5.31	5.86
Lu, ppm	0.093	0.013	0.067	0.119	0.054	0.132	14.08%	28.15%	42.23%	0.088	0.098
Mg, wt.%	0.614	0.050	0.513	0.714	0.463	0.765	8.21%	16.41%	24.62%	0.583	0.644
Mn, wt.%	0.110	0.006	0.099	0.122	0.094	0.127	5.08%	10.17%	15.25%	0.105	0.116
Mo, ppm	9.59	0.728	8.13	11.05	7.41	11.77	7.59%	15.18%	22.77%	9.11	10.07
Na, wt.%	0.010	0.002	0.006	0.014	0.005	0.015	18.07%	36.14%	54.20%	0.009	0.010
Nd, ppm	14.6	1.8	11.0	18.2	9.2	20.0	12.26%	24.52%	36.78%	13.9	15.3
Ni, ppm	222	11	200	243	189	254	4.92%	9.83%	14.75%	210	233
P, wt.%	0.030	0.001	0.027	0.033	0.025	0.034	4.91%	9.82%	14.73%	0.028	0.031
Pb, wt.%	3.76	0.092	3.58	3.94	3.48	4.03	2.44%	4.88%	7.32%	3.57	3.95
Pr, ppm	3.72	0.57	2.57	4.87	2.00	5.44	15.41%	30.81%	46.22%	3.53	3.91
Rb, ppm	16.6	2.7	11.2	22.0	8.5	24.8	16.26%	32.52%	48.78%	15.8	17.5
S, wt.%	5.50	0.238	5.02	5.97	4.78	6.21	4.33%	8.66%	12.99%	5.22	5.77
Sb, ppm	72	11	50	93	40	104	14.89%	29.78%	44.67%	68	75
Sc, ppm	1.95	0.21	1.52	2.37	1.30	2.59	11.00%	22.00%	33.00%	1.85	2.04
Se, ppm	2.63	0.54	1.55	3.71	1.01	4.25	20.52%	41.03%	61.55%	2.50	2.76
Sm, ppm	2.75	0.35	2.05	3.45	1.70	3.81	12.76%	25.52%	38.27%	2.61	2.89
Sn, ppm	1.01	0.17	0.67	1.34	0.50	1.51	16.66%	33.32%	49.98%	0.96	1.06
Sr, ppm	15.9	2.2	11.5	20.3	9.3	22.5	13.88%	27.77%	41.65%	15.1	16.6
Ta, ppm	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, ppm	0.29	0.03	0.22	0.36	0.19	0.39	11.99%	23.97%	35.96%	0.27	0.30
Te, ppm	0.26	0.06	0.13	0.39	0.07	0.45	24.26%	48.51%	72.77%	0.25	0.27
Th, ppm	7.15	0.82	5.51	8.79	4.69	9.61	11.47%	22.93%	34.40%	6.79	7.51
Ti, wt.%	0.010	0.001	0.008	0.011	0.007	0.012	9.37%	18.74%	28.11%	0.009	0.010
Tl, ppm	13.2	1.6	10.0	16.5	8.3	18.1	12.34%	24.68%	37.02%	12.6	13.9
Tm, ppm	0.078	0.022	0.034	0.123	0.011	0.145	28.54%	57.09%	85.63%	0.074	0.082
U, ppm	2.42	0.105	2.21	2.63	2.11	2.74	4.34%	8.69%	13.03%	2.30	2.54
V, ppm	17.9	2.9	12.2	23.6	9.4	26.5	15.94%	31.88%	47.81%	17.0	18.8
W, ppm	0.37	0.06	0.26	0.48	0.20	0.54	15.00%	30.00%	45.01%	0.35	0.39
Y, ppm	5.75	0.73	4.29	7.21	3.56	7.94	12.70%	25.39%	38.09%	5.46	6.04
Yb, ppm	0.60	0.11	0.38	0.82	0.27	0.93	18.56%	37.11%	55.67%	0.57	0.63
Zn, wt.%	5.42	0.180	5.06	5.78	4.88	5.96	3.32%	6.64%	9.97%	5.15	5.69
Zr, ppm	13.3	1.4	10.5	16.1	9.2	17.4	10.35%	20.70%	31.05%	12.6	14.0

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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. In evaluating laboratory performance with this CRM, the section headed ‘Instructions for correct use’ should be read carefully.

Table 1 provides performance gate intervals for the certified values, Table 2 provides some indicative physical properties, Table 3 shows indicative values and Table 4 presents the 95% expanded uncertainty and tolerance limits for all certified values. Tabulated results of all analytes together with 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 315-DataPack.1.0.220329_163250.xlsx**).

Comparisons of interlaboratory bias and precision are graphically presented in scatter plots for Ag, Pb and Zn by 4-acid digestion (Figures 1 to 3, respectively) together with ±3SD (magenta) and certified value (green line). Accepted individual results are coloured blue and individual and dataset outliers are identified in red and violet, respectively.

SOURCE MATERIAL

OREAS 315 has been prepared from a blend of barren black slate and various Zn-Pb-Ag ore and concentrate materials. This includes materials from the Dugald River, Black Star and Cannington deposits located in Northern Queensland, Australia.

PERFORMANCE GATES

Table 1 above shows intervals 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 (also see ‘Intended Use’ section below). Westgard Rules extend the basics of single-rule QC monitoring using multi-rules (for more information visit www.westgard.com/mltirule.htm). A second method utilises a 5% window calculated directly from the certified value. For information on the calculation of standard deviations see the ‘Statistical Analysis’ section below.

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) ± 10%.

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

COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 315 was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying of ores and concentrates to constant mass at 85°C;
- Drying of barren slate to constant mass at 105°C;
- Crushing and multi-stage milling of ores and concentrates to 100% minus 30 microns;
- Crushing and milling of barren slate to 98% minus 75 microns;
- Preliminary homogenisation and check assaying of ores and concentrates;
- Blending the barren slate, ores and concentrates in specific ratios to achieve target Zn, Pb and Ag values.
- Packaging into 10g units sealed under nitrogen in laminated foil pouches.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

OREAS 315 was tested at ORE Research & Exploration Pty Ltd's onsite facility for various physical properties. Table 2 presents these findings that should be used for informational purposes only.

Table 2. Physical properties of OREAS 315.

Bulk Density (g/L)	Moisture%	Munsell Notation‡	Munsell Color‡
665	0.81	5Y 4/1	Olive Gray

‡The Munsell Rock Color Chart helps geologists and archeologists communicate with colour more effectively by cross-referencing ISCC-NBS colour names with unique Munsell alpha-numeric colour notations for rock colour samples.

ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

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

- Majors & base metals by oxidising fusion with X-ray fluorescence finish (up to 20 laboratories depending on the element);
- Loss on ignition at 1000° Celsius (12 laboratories);
- Total Sulphur by infrared combustion furnace or C/S analyser;
- Full ICP-OES and MS elemental suites by peroxide fusion (up to 22 laboratories depending on the element);
- Full ICP-OES and MS elemental suites by 4-acid (HNO_3-HF-$HClO_4$-HCl) digestion (up to 22 laboratories depending on the element);
- Full ICP-OES and MS elemental suites by aqua regia digestion (up to 18 laboratories depending on the element).

For the round robin program ten 500g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following homogenisation and are considered representative of the entire prepared batch. Six 20g pulp samples were submitted to each laboratory for analysis. The samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two samples from each of three separate 500g test units. This format enabled a nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity, i.e., to ascertain whether between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance (see 'Homogeneity Evaluation' section below).

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Certified Values and their uncertainty intervals (Table 4) 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.

Certified Values are the means of accepted laboratory means after outlier filtering and are the present best estimate of the true value.

The 95% Expanded Uncertainty provides a 95% probability that the true value of the analyte under consideration lies between the upper and lower limits and is calculated according to the method in ISO Guides [5,15]. All known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account.

Indicative (uncertified) values (Table 3) are present where the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient (< 5) to support certification. These major and trace element characterisation values are presented for informational purposes only.

Standard Deviation intervals (Table 1) 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.

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 (see 'Instructions for Correct Use' section for more detail).

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.***

Table 3. Indicative Values for OREAS 315.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
Borate Fusion XRF								
Ag	ppm	*80.0*	Hg	ppm	*< 100*	Sn	ppm	*< 100*
Bi	ppm	*100*	In	ppm	*< 100*	SrO	ppm	*81*
Cd	ppm	*188*	La	ppm	*64*	Ta	ppm	*< 100*
Ce	ppm	*95*	Mo	ppm	*< 50*	Te	ppm	*< 100*
Co	ppm	*< 100*	Nb	ppm	*73*	Tl	ppm	*< 100*
Cr_2O_3	ppm	*298*	Ni	ppm	*277*	V_2O_5	ppm	*206*
Cs	ppm	*< 100*	Rb	ppm	*146*	W	ppm	*< 10*
Ga	ppm	*< 100*	Sb	ppm	*54*	Y	ppm	*< 39*
Ge	ppm	*< 100*	Sc	ppm	*< 100*	Zr	ppm	*146*
Hf	ppm	*< 80*	Se	ppm	*< 100*			
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP								
Na	wt.%	*0.093*	Se	ppm	*< 20*	Te	ppm	*1.85*
Re	ppm	*< 1*	Sn	ppm	*< 10*			
4-Acid Digestion								
Ba	wt.%	*0.109*	Nb	ppm	*4.95*			
Ge	ppm	*0.19*	Re	ppm	*0.020*			
Aqua Regia Digestion								
Au	ppm	*0.084*	Ge	ppm	*0.16*	Pt	ppb	*4.92*
B	ppm	*9.60*	Nb	ppm	*0.075*	Re	ppm	*0.018*
Ba	wt.%	*0.006*	Pd	ppb	*14.7*			

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million; 1 x 10^6) ≡ mg/kg; wt.% (weight per cent) ≡ % (mass fraction).

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 4. 95% Uncertainty & Tolerance Limits for OREAS 315.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
Borate Fusion XRF					
Al_2O_3, Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	10.10	9.98	10.22	10.01	10.19
As, Arsenic (ppm)	183	114	252	IND	IND
BaO, Barium oxide (wt.%)	0.247	0.236	0.259	0.237	0.258
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	1.41	1.39	1.44	1.40	1.43
Cu, Copper (ppm)	834	751	916	783	884
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.25	5.19	5.32	5.22	5.29
K_2O, Potassium oxide (wt.%)	3.12	3.06	3.18	3.09	3.15
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	1.47	1.43	1.50	1.44	1.49
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.116	0.113	0.119	0.114	0.118
Na_2O, Sodium oxide (wt.%)	0.230	0.154	0.307	0.220	0.241
P_2O_5, Phosphorus(V) oxide (wt.%)	0.075	0.071	0.080	IND	IND
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.82	3.66	3.98	3.76	3.88
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.48	5.19	5.76	5.40	5.55
SiO_2, Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	55.96	55.41	56.51	55.71	56.20
TiO_2, Titanium dioxide (wt.%)	0.405	0.392	0.418	0.393	0.417
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	5.55	5.47	5.64	5.51	5.60
Thermogravimetry					
LOI^{1000}, Loss On Ignition @1000°C (wt.%)	7.85	7.70	8.00	7.75	7.95
Infrared Combustion					
C, Carbon (wt.%)	1.47	1.43	1.50	1.45	1.48
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.60	5.49	5.71	5.53	5.67
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	69.0	59.6	78.4	58.7	79.3
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	5.34	5.24	5.45	5.23	5.46
As, Arsenic (ppm)	142	118	165	131	152
B, Boron (ppm)	99	73	125	87	110
Ba, Barium (wt.%)	0.221	0.209	0.232	0.215	0.227
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.29	1.49	3.09	IND	IND
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	8.97	7.04	10.89	6.69	11.24
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.976	0.911	1.040	0.936	1.015
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	143	133	152	138	148
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	66	63	70	64	69
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	19.0	17.5	20.6	17.9	20.2
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	199	175	223	185	213
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	3.32	2.93	3.71	3.01	3.63
Cu, Copper (ppm)	782	699	865	723	842
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	3.86	3.34	4.37	3.67	4.04
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.20	1.98	2.42	2.09	2.31
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.04	0.92	1.17	0.94	1.14
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.29	5.17	5.41	5.18	5.40
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	16.7	15.1	18.4	IND	IND

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Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.
IND = indeterminate (due to limited reading resolution of the methods employed).

Table 4. continued.

Constituent	Certified	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
	Value	Low	High	Low	High
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued					
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	4.40	4.06	4.73	4.08	4.72
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	4.43	3.05	5.81	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	2.45	1.88	3.02	IND	IND
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.72	0.63	0.82	0.69	0.75
In, Indium (ppm)	1.54	1.37	1.71	IND	IND
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.61	2.52	2.69	2.55	2.66
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	32.3	30.7	33.9	31.0	33.6
Li, Lithium (ppm)	22.4	19.7	25.1	20.7	24.1
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.31	0.27	0.35	0.29	0.33
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.872	0.840	0.904	0.850	0.894
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.116	0.110	0.121	0.112	0.120
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	11.0	8.7	13.2	IND	IND
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	9.73	8.61	10.85	IND	IND
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	27.9	26.3	29.5	26.8	29.0
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	237	221	254	221	253
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.036	0.027	0.044	IND	IND
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.69	3.53	3.85	3.57	3.80
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	7.34	6.65	8.03	6.97	7.71
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	126	118	133	122	129
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.52	5.38	5.67	5.39	5.65
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	102	93	110	98	105
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	8.58	6.97	10.18	IND	IND
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	27.03	25.98	28.08	26.60	27.45
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	5.07	4.65	5.50	4.76	5.39
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	68	61	75	64	72
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	0.79	0.61	0.97	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.62	0.57	0.67	0.60	0.64
Th, Thorium (ppm)	11.3	10.6	12.0	10.9	11.7
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.242	0.232	0.251	0.234	0.250
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	18.5	17.3	19.7	18.0	19.0
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.32	0.28	0.36	0.31	0.33
U, Uranium (ppm)	4.03	3.72	4.34	3.87	4.18
V, Vanadium (ppm)	117	109	125	110	123
W, Tungsten (ppm)	1.88	0.62	3.13	IND	IND
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	20.8	18.8	22.9	20.0	21.6
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.19	1.91	2.47	2.04	2.35
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	5.46	5.30	5.61	5.34	5.57
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	85	77	93	IND	IND
4-Acid Digestion					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	72.5	69.5	75.4	70.0	74.9
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	5.24	5.06	5.43	5.13	5.36

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Table 4. continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued					
As, Arsenic (ppm)	145	138	151	139	150
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.22	2.07	2.38	2.14	2.31
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	8.28	7.52	9.04	7.92	8.63
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.03	1.00	1.06	1.01	1.05
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	140	135	144	137	143
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	64	62	67	62	66
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	17.7	16.2	19.1	16.8	18.5
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	161	151	170	154	167
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	3.24	3.03	3.45	3.09	3.38
Cu, Copper (ppm)	785	710	861	739	832
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	3.17	2.72	3.63	2.99	3.36
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.62	1.34	1.89	1.55	1.68
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.03	0.92	1.14	0.99	1.08
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.18	5.00	5.35	5.09	5.26
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	15.9	15.0	16.7	15.1	16.6
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	4.20	3.74	4.66	4.01	4.39
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	2.05	1.87	2.22	1.91	2.19
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.57	0.46	0.69	0.52	0.63
In, Indium (ppm)	1.51	1.39	1.63	1.45	1.57
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.57	2.51	2.64	2.53	2.62
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	31.6	29.9	33.3	30.4	32.9
Li, Lithium (ppm)	21.7	20.8	22.7	21.1	22.4
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.25	0.21	0.29	0.22	0.28
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.858	0.828	0.889	0.842	0.875
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.113	0.109	0.117	0.111	0.116
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	9.84	8.54	11.13	9.14	10.53
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.092	0.085	0.098	0.087	0.096
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	27.1	25.4	28.9	26.4	27.9
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	232	223	241	226	237
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.034	0.032	0.035	0.032	0.035
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.79	3.65	3.92	3.68	3.90
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	7.27	6.65	7.88	7.01	7.52
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	121	116	125	117	124
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.37	5.17	5.58	5.26	5.49
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	92	83	100	88	96
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	9.22	8.53	9.91	8.88	9.55
Se, Selenium (ppm)	2.91	2.05	3.78	2.14	3.68
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	5.23	4.71	5.75	4.95	5.50
Sn, Tin (ppm)	3.14	2.79	3.50	2.94	3.34
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	61	59	63	59	63
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	0.22	0.13	0.31	0.20	0.25

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Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.
IND = indeterminate (due to limited reading resolution of the methods employed).

Table 4. continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued					
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.56	0.49	0.63	0.53	0.59
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.30	0.23	0.37	0.25	0.35
Th, Thorium (ppm)	10.9	10.3	11.4	10.5	11.2
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.168	0.152	0.185	0.162	0.175
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	19.6	18.7	20.6	19.2	20.1
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.28	0.21	0.36	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.92	3.73	4.11	3.81	4.03
V, Vanadium (ppm)	115	111	119	112	118
W, Tungsten (ppm)	1.99	1.74	2.23	1.75	2.22
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	14.9	13.0	16.8	14.4	15.4
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.71	1.42	2.01	1.65	1.78
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	5.45	5.34	5.56	5.37	5.54
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	66	63	69	64	68
Aqua Regia Digestion					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	72.1	69.8	74.5	70.3	74.0
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	0.680	0.629	0.732	0.662	0.699
As, Arsenic (ppm)	142	137	148	138	146
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	0.55	0.46	0.64	0.52	0.58
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	8.07	7.70	8.44	7.74	8.40
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.01	0.97	1.04	0.98	1.03
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	137	131	144	134	141
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	43.2	37.9	48.5	41.6	44.8
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	16.2	15.2	17.2	15.7	16.7
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	59	56	61	57	60
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	1.04	0.96	1.12	1.00	1.08
Cu, Copper (ppm)	793	738	847	770	815
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	1.36	1.16	1.56	1.29	1.42
Er, Erbium (ppm)	0.63	0.52	0.75	0.61	0.66
Eu, Europium (ppm)	0.54	0.46	0.62	0.52	0.56
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.02	4.84	5.19	4.92	5.11
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	2.86	2.53	3.19	2.73	2.98
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	2.24	1.94	2.53	2.13	2.34
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	0.43	0.36	0.50	0.42	0.45
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	2.09	1.96	2.23	2.02	2.17
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.24	0.19	0.29	0.23	0.25
In, Indium (ppm)	1.40	1.23	1.57	1.35	1.45
K, Potassium (wt.%)	0.270	0.250	0.291	0.260	0.281
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	17.5	15.0	19.9	16.7	18.2
Li, Lithium (ppm)	5.59	4.61	6.56	5.35	5.82
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.093	0.077	0.109	IND	IND
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.614	0.585	0.643	0.600	0.627

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Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.
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Table 4. continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued					
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.110	0.107	0.114	0.108	0.113
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	9.59	9.08	10.10	9.17	10.02
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.010	0.009	0.011	IND	IND
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	14.6	12.6	16.6	13.8	15.4
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	222	214	229	218	225
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.030	0.028	0.031	0.029	0.031
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	3.76	3.62	3.89	3.66	3.86
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	3.72	2.90	4.54	3.47	3.97
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	16.6	14.9	18.4	16.2	17.0
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	5.50	5.32	5.68	5.35	5.64
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	72	66	78	69	75
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	1.95	1.79	2.10	1.88	2.01
Se, Selenium (ppm)	2.63	2.26	3.00	2.36	2.90
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	2.75	2.39	3.11	2.65	2.85
Sn, Tin (ppm)	1.01	0.85	1.16	0.96	1.05
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	15.9	14.5	17.2	15.3	16.4
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.29	0.25	0.33	0.27	0.30
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.26	0.20	0.31	0.24	0.28
Th, Thorium (ppm)	7.15	6.59	7.71	6.96	7.35
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.010
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	13.2	12.2	14.3	12.8	13.6
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.078	0.054	0.102	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	2.42	2.30	2.55	2.36	2.49
V, Vanadium (ppm)	17.9	16.4	19.5	17.0	18.8
W, Tungsten (ppm)	0.37	0.28	0.46	0.35	0.40
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	5.75	5.27	6.23	5.56	5.94
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	0.60	0.49	0.71	0.58	0.62
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	5.42	5.25	5.59	5.32	5.52
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	13.3	12.3	14.3	12.8	13.8

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Homogeneity Evaluation

The tolerance limits (ISO 16269:2014) shown in Table 4 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 Zn by 4-acid digestion, where 99% of the time (1-α=0.99) at least 95% of subsamples (ρ=0.95) will have concentrations lying between 5.37 and 5.54 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.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the inter-laboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 315 is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

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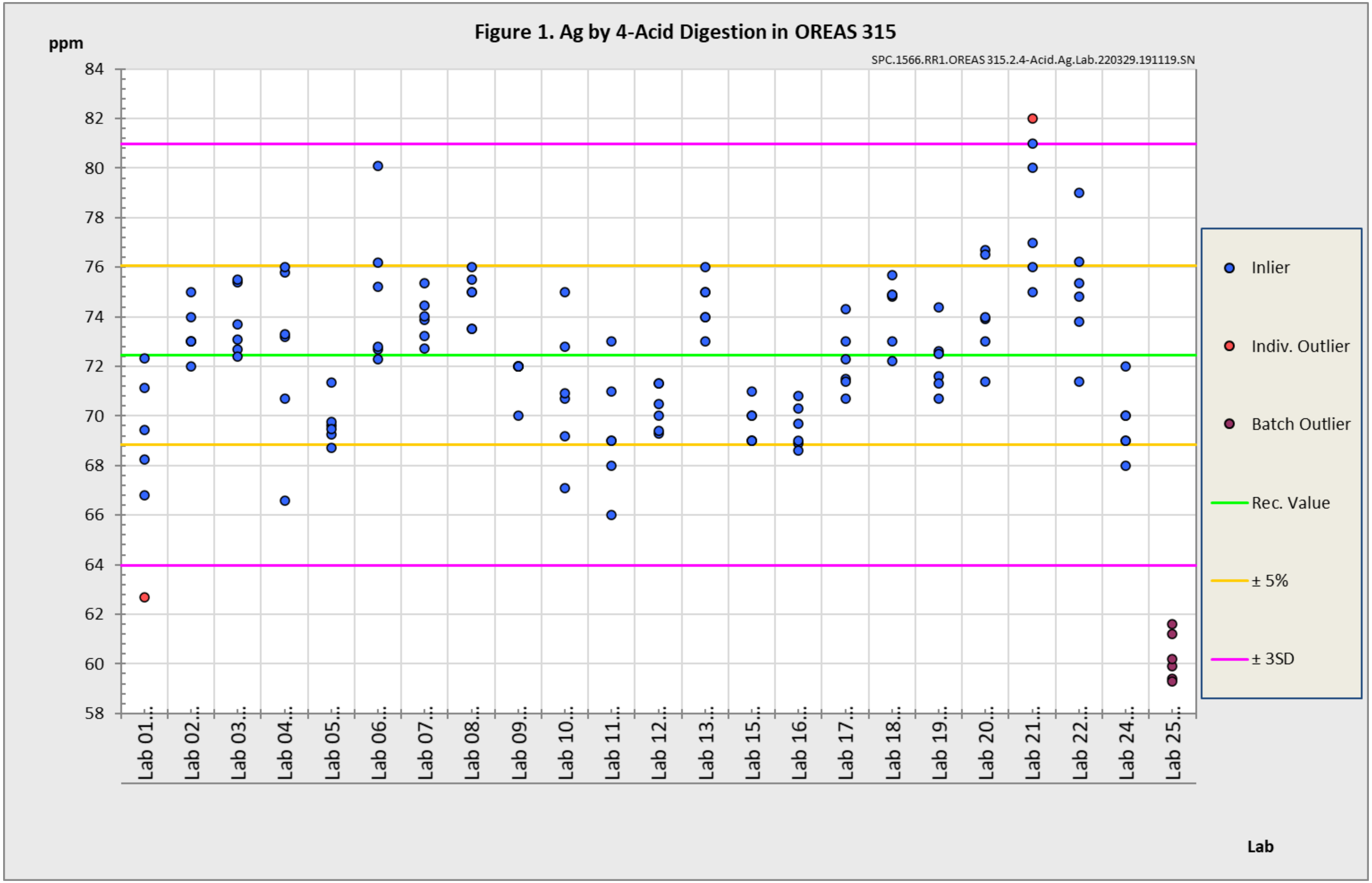
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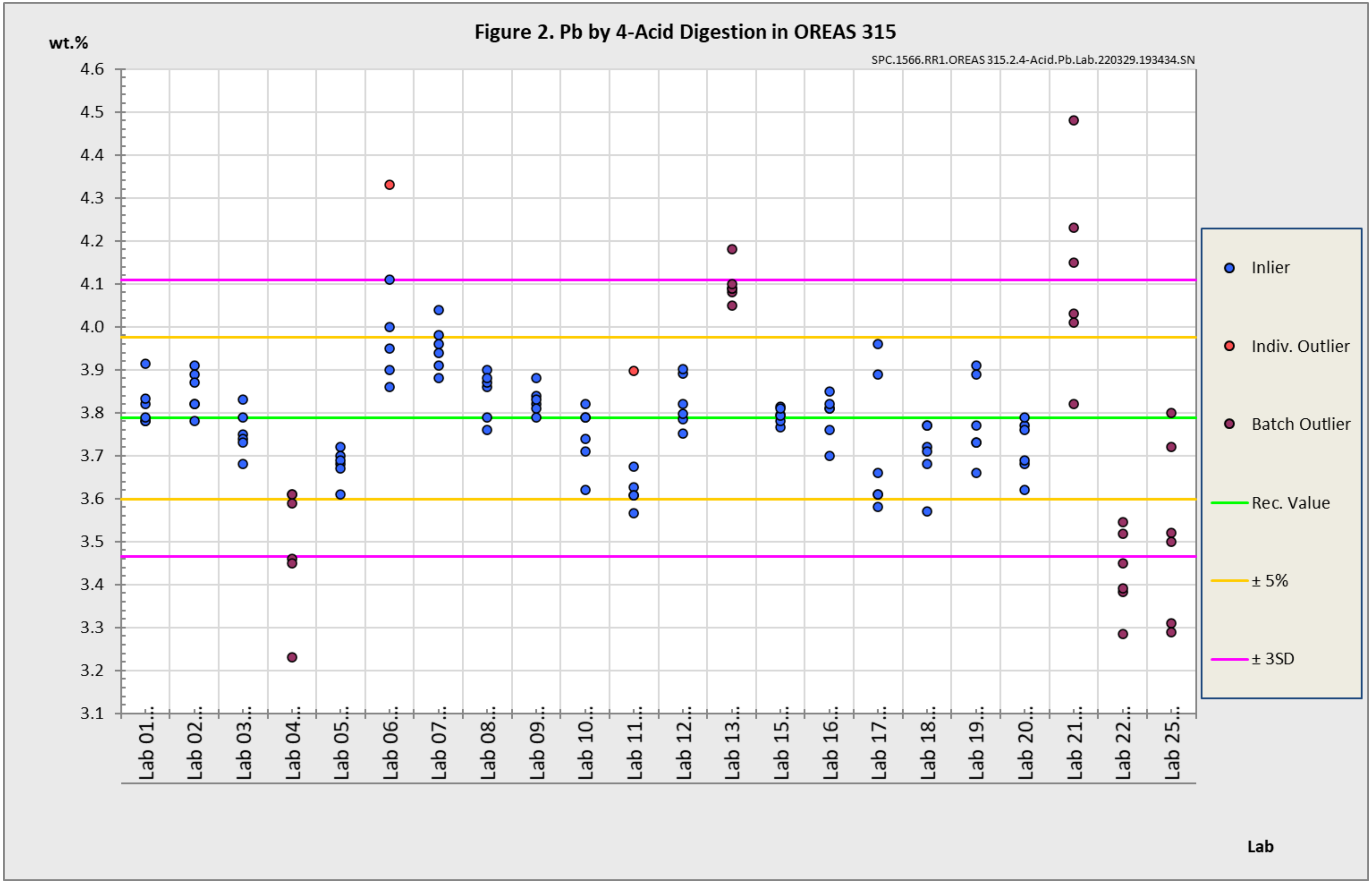
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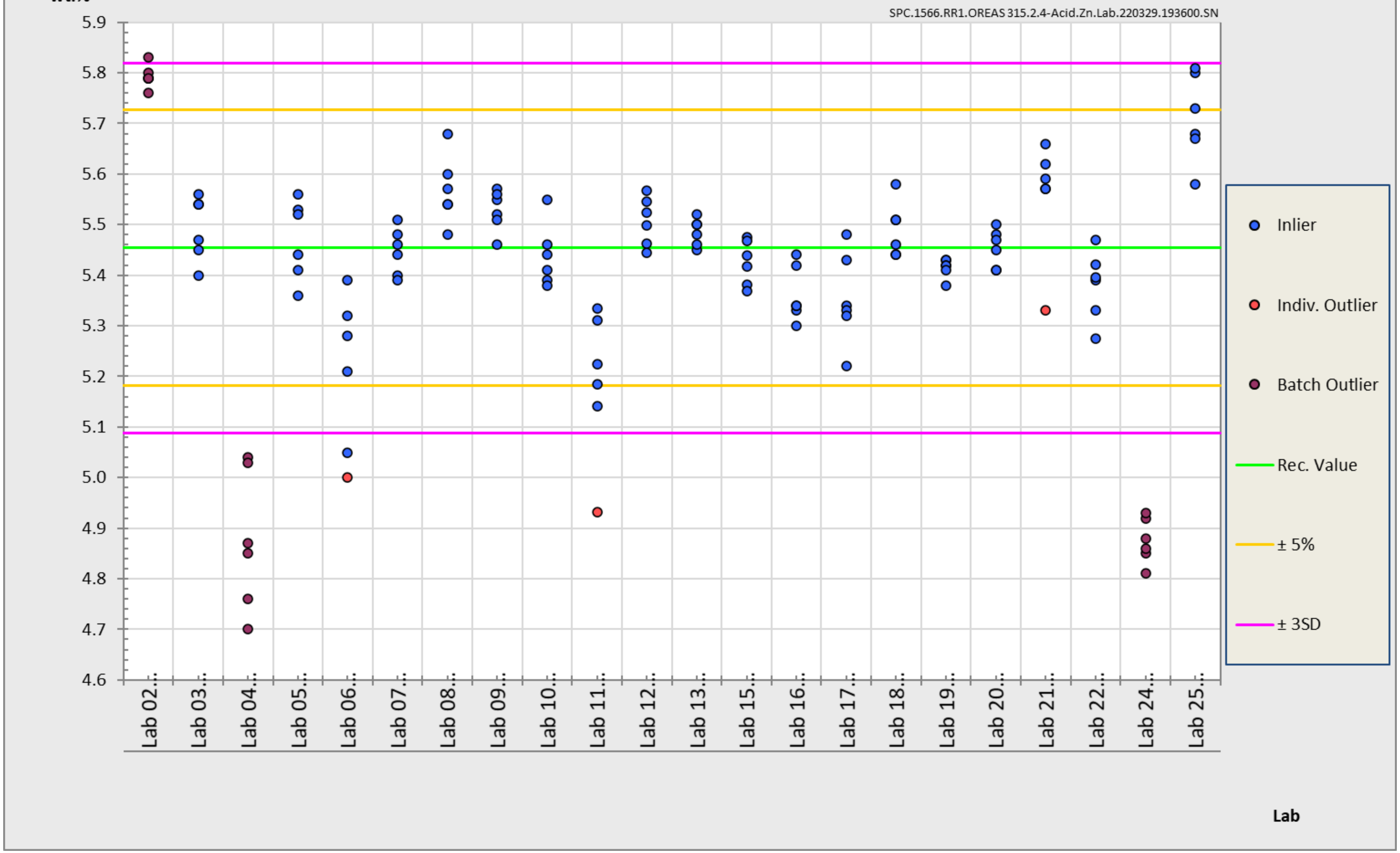
Figure 3. Zn by 4-Acid Digestion in OREAS 315



METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY

The analytical samples were selected in a manner representative of the entire batch of the 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 procedure is possible. In this case, it is impossible to demonstrate absence of method bias; therefore, the result is an operationally defined measurand*** *(ISO Guide 35:2017, 9.2.4c)."* Certification takes place on the basis of agreement among operationally defined, independent measurement results.

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. Being matrix-matched, OREAS 315 will display similar behaviour in the relevant measurement process to the routine field samples for which OREAS 315 is designated to monitor. To maintain commutability, care should be taken to always 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 metallurgical plant samples.

INTENDED USE

OREAS 315 is intended to cover all activities needed to produce a measurement result. This includes extraction, possible separation steps and the actual measurement process (the signal producing step). OREAS 315 may be used to calibrate the entire procedure by producing a pure substance CRM transformed into a calibration solution.

OREAS 315 is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Table 1 in sulphide concentrate samples;
- For the verification of analytical methods for analytes reported in Table 1;
- For the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of analytes reported in Table 1.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY & STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

The certification of OREAS 315 remains valid, within the specified measurement uncertainties, until January 2037, provided the CRM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given below. This certification is nullified if the CRM is any way changed or contaminated.

Store in a clean and cool dry place away from direct sunlight.

Long-term stability will be monitored at appropriate intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed. The period of validity may well be indefinite and will be reassessed prior to expiry with the aim of extending the validity if possible.

Single-use sachets

OREAS 315 is sulphide rich (5.6 wt.% S) and is packaged in single-use sachets sealed under nitrogen. Following analysis, it is the manufacturer's expectation that any remaining material is discarded. It is the user's responsibility to prevent contamination and avoid prolonged exposure of the sample to the atmosphere prior to analysis.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING & CORRECT USE

Pre-homogenisation of the CRM prior to subsampling and analysis is not necessary as there is no particle segregation under transport [12].

Fine powders pose a risk to eyes and lungs and therefore standard precautions including the use of safety glasses and dust masks are advised. Sulphur is a known transitory upper respiratory irritant. Close exposure may cause coughing or throat irritation.

As per routine analysis at commercial laboratories, the certified values derived by oxidising fusion with XRF finish are on a dry sample basis.

Analytes by all other methods refer to the concentration levels in the packaged state. There is no need for drying prior to weighing and analysis for these methods.

Minimum sample size

As a practical guide, the minimum mass of sample used should match the typical mass that the laboratories used in the interlaboratory (round robin) certification program. This means that different sample masses should be used depending on the operationally defined methodology.

- Oxidising fusion with X-ray fluorescence finish: ≥0.2g;
- Loss on Ignition (LOI) at 1000°C: ≥1g.;

- Total C and S by IR induction furnace: ≥0.1g;
- Peroxide or borate fusion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥0.1g;
- 4-acid digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥0.25g;
- Aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥0.5g.

QC monitoring using multiples of the Standard Deviation (SD)

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-laboratory 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.

The performance gates shown in Table 1 are intended only to be used as a first principle guide as to what a laboratory may be able to achieve. Over a period of time monitoring your own laboratory's data for this CRM, SD's should be calculated directly from your own laboratory's process. This will enable you to establish more specific performance gates that are fit for purpose for your application as well as the ability to monitor bias. If your long-term trend analysis shows an average value that is within the 95% expanded uncertainty interval then generally there is no cause for concern in regard to bias.

For use with the aqua regia digestion method

It is important to note that in the analytical industry there is no standardisation of the aqua regia digestion process. Aqua regia is a partial empirical digest and differences in recoveries for various analytes are commonplace. These are caused by variations in the digest conditions which can include the ratio of nitric to hydrochloric acids, acid strength, temperatures, leach times and secondary digestions. Recoveries for sulphide-hosted base metal sulphides approach total values, however other analytes, in particular the lithophile elements, show greater sensitivity to method parameters. This can result in lack of consensus in an inter-laboratory certification program for these elements.

The approach applied here is to report certified values in those instances where reasonable agreement exists amongst a majority of participating laboratories. The results from specific laboratories may differ significantly from the certified values, but will, nonetheless, be valid and reproducible in the context of the specifics of the aqua regia method in use. Users of this reference material should, therefore, be mindful of this limitation when applying the certified values in a quality control program.

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QMS CERTIFICATION

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

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