

# **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR**

# OREAS 467

Carbonatite Supergene REE-Nb Ore (TREO + Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ~0.19%) (Mount Weld Mine, Western Australia)



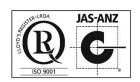


Table 1. Certified Values, Uncertainty & Tolerance Intervals for multi-elements by 4-acid digestion in OREAS 467.

	Certified	95% Expande	ed Uncertainty	95% Tolerance Limits		
Constituent	Value <sup>†</sup>	Low	High	Low	High	
4-Acid Digestion						
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	19.4	18.1	20.8	18.7	20.2	
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.248	0.234	0.263	0.238	0.259	
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	0.041	0.020	0.061	IND	IND	
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	637	610	664	624	651	
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	3.14	2.97	3.31	3.03	3.25	
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	160	151	170	155	166	
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	9.95	9.40	10.50	9.63	10.27	
Cu, Copper (ppm)	34.0	32.4	35.6	33.1	34.9	
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	8.33	7.82	8.83	8.01	8.64	
Eu, Europium (ppm)	8.15	7.69	8.62	7.96	8.35	
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	7.38	7.15	7.61	7.28	7.49	
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	23.2	21.8	24.6	22.5	23.9	
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	19.8	18.3	21.3	19.2	20.4	
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	5.06	4.74	5.38	4.87	5.25	
In, Indium (ppm)	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.17	
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.15	2.09	2.22	2.10	2.21	
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	449	429	469	433	464	
Li, Lithium (ppm)	40.8	39.5	42.1	39.6	41.9	
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.412	0.391	0.433	0.400	0.424	
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.013	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	10.1	9.5	10.6	9.7	10.4	
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.158	0.144	0.171	0.150	0.165	
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	222	211	232	212	231	
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	295	281	310	290	301	
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	21.1	19.8	22.4	20.3	21.9	
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.081	0.078	0.084	0.079	0.084	
Pb, Lead (ppm)	30.7	29.2	32.3	29.3	32.2	
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	84	81	87	82	86	
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	130	123	136	126	133	
Re, Rhenium (ppm)	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND	
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.011	0.010	0.012	0.010	0.012	
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	5.16	4.84	5.48	4.83	5.49	
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	20.0	19.0	21.0	19.3	20.7	
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	38.8	36.7	40.8	38.1	39.4	
Sn, Tin (ppm)	18.1	17.2	18.9	17.3	18.8	

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million;  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )  $\equiv$  mg/kg; wt.% (weight per cent)  $\equiv$ % (mass fraction).

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Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified	95% Expande	d Uncertainty	95% Tolera	ince Limits
Constituent	Value <sup>†</sup>	Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continue	ed				
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	147	141	152	144	150
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	4.34	3.99	4.70	4.11	4.57
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	1.99	1.83	2.15	1.92	2.06
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.29	0.25	0.34	0.25	0.34
Th, Thorium (ppm)	49.8	47.0	52.6	48.8	50.8
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.544	0.515	0.573	0.524	0.564
TI, Thallium (ppm)	0.71	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.74
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.18	2.98	3.38	3.05	3.32
V, Vanadium (ppm)	148	143	153	144	151
W, Tungsten (ppm)	74	69	79	70	77
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	49.0	46.5	51.5	47.2	50.8
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	178	168	188	171	185

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Table 2. Certified Values, Uncertainty & Tolerance Intervals for other measurands in OREAS 467.

Constituent	Certified	95 % Expande	ed Uncertainty	95 % Tolerance Limits	
Constituent	Value	Low	High	Low	High
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP (majors and	d REE's sh	own in both ox	ide and elemer	ntal format)	
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	8.16	7.89	8.42	7.97	8.34
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	15.41	14.91	15.92	15.06	15.76
As, Arsenic (ppm)	443	422	465	427	460
B, Boron (wt.%)	0.122	0.108	0.135	0.118	0.125
Ba, Barium (ppm)	750	722	779	735	765
BaO, Barium oxide (ppm)	826	794	859	810	843
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	3.05	2.32	3.78	2.21	3.89
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	19.3	17.5	21.1	IND	IND
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.267	0.235	0.298	0.251	0.282
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	0.373	0.328	0.418	0.351	0.395
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ce, Cerium (wt.%)	0.066	0.063	0.068	0.064	0.067
CeO <sub>2</sub> , Cerium(IV) oxide (wt.%)	0.081	0.077	0.084	0.079	0.082
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	3.54	3.18	3.90	3.39	3.69
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	186	167	205	173	199
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Chromium(III) oxide (ppm)	283	255	310	263	303
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	10.1	9.2	11.0	9.7	10.6

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Table 2 continued.

	Certified	95 % Ex	xpanded	95 % Tolerance Limits		
Constituent	Value	Low	rtainty High	Low	High	
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued (r	l naiors and RF					
Cu, Copper (ppm)	34.6	26.5	42.7	29.9	39.3	
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	10.0	9.3	10.7	9.6	10.4	
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Dysprosium(III) oxide (ppm)	11.5	10.7	12.3	11.0	12.0	
Er, Erbium (ppm)	4.12	3.77	4.48	3.98	4.27	
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Erbium(III) oxide (ppm)	4.70	4.32	5.09	4.54	4.87	
Eu, Europium (ppm)	8.20	7.68	8.72	7.85	8.56	
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Europium(III) oxide (ppm)	9.50	8.90	10.10	9.08	9.91	
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	7.64	7.44	7.85	7.51	7.78	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Iron(III) oxide (wt.%)	10.93	10.63	11.23	10.74	11.12	
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	22.6	19.5	25.7	21.6	23.5	
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	19.9	18.8	20.9	19.2	20.5	
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Gadolinium(III) oxide (ppm)	22.9	21.7	24.1	22.1	23.7	
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	8.13	7.31	8.95	7.71	8.55	
HfO <sub>2</sub> , Hafnium dioxide (ppm)	9.59	8.62	10.56	9.09	10.09	
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	1.64	1.50	1.79	1.54	1.74	
Ho <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Holmium(III) oxide (ppm)	1.88	1.71	2.05	1.76	1.99	
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.24	2.12	2.36	2.18	2.29	
K <sub>2</sub> O, Potassium oxide (wt.%)	2.70	2.55	2.84	2.63	2.76	
La, Lanthanum (wt.%)	0.048	0.045	0.050	0.047	0.048	
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Lanthanum(III) oxide (wt.%)	0.056	0.053	0.058	0.055	0.057	
Li, Lithium (ppm)	41.7	38.6	44.7	39.7	43.6	
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.47	0.42	0.53	0.44	0.51	
Lu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Lutetium(III) oxide (ppm)	0.54	0.48	0.60	0.50	0.57	
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	0.489	0.468	0.511	0.477	0.502	
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	0.812	0.775	0.848	0.791	0.832	
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.014	0.013	0.015	0.013	0.014	
MnO, Manganese oxide (wt.%)	0.018	0.017	0.019	0.017	0.018	
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	10.2	8.7	11.8	IND	IND	
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	239	224	253	232	245	
Nd, Neodymium (wt.%)	0.029	0.028	0.031	0.029	0.030	
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Neodymium(III) oxide (wt.%)	0.034	0.033	0.036	0.033	0.035	
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	26.3	13.4	39.3	IND	IND	
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.083	0.072	0.093	0.078	0.088	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Phosphorus(V) oxide (wt.%)	0.190	0.166	0.213	0.178	0.201	
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	85	81	90	83	88	
Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub> , Praseodymium(III,IV) oxide (ppm)	103	98	109	100	106	

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Condition	Value	Low	High	Low	High		
Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued	(majors an	d REE's show	n in both oxide	and elemen	tal format)		
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	125	117	133	121	129		
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	20.3	17.6	22.9	19.6	20.9		
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	29.15	27.34	30.97	28.47	29.83		
SiO <sub>2</sub> , Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	62.37	58.49	66.24	60.91	63.82		
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	38.2	35.7	40.6	36.7	39.6		
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Samarium(III) oxide (ppm)	44.3	41.4	47.1	42.6	46.0		
Sn, Tin (ppm)	20.7	19.0	22.3	18.8	22.5		
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	153	140	165	148	157		
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	4.91	4.43	5.40	4.62	5.20		
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	2.15	1.99	2.30	2.10	2.19		
Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , Terbium(III,IV) oxide (ppm)	2.53	2.35	2.71	2.45	2.60		
Th, Thorium (ppm)	48.2	46.5	50.0	47.3	49.2		
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.712	0.686	0.738	0.693	0.730		
TiO <sub>2</sub> , Titanium dioxide (wt.%)	1.19	1.14	1.23	1.16	1.22		
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.54	0.45	0.62	0.50	0.57		
Tm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Thulium(III) oxide (ppm)	0.63	0.54	0.72	0.59	0.67		
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.55	3.34	3.77	3.40	3.71		
V, Vanadium (ppm)	161	151	170	155	166		
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Vanadium(V) oxide (ppm)	287	269	304	276	297		
W, Tungsten (ppm)	79	72	86	75	83		
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	40.3	38.4	42.3	39.2	41.5		
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Yttrium(III) oxide (ppm)	51	49	54	50	53		
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	3.37	3.06	3.69	3.24	3.50		
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Ytterbium(III) oxide (ppm)	3.77	3.42	4.13	3.62	3.93		
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	51	42	61	IND	IND		
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	320	304	335	307	332		
Borate Fusion XRF							
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	15.28	15.05	15.52	15.18	15.39		
BaO, Barium oxide (ppm)	750	688	812	IND	IND		
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	0.344	0.329	0.359	0.337	0.351		
CeO <sub>2</sub> , Cerium(IV) oxide (wt.%)	0.080	0.075	0.084	IND	IND		
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Chromium(III) oxide (ppm)	249	161	338	IND	IND		
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Dysprosium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND		
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Erbium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND		
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Europium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND		
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Iron(III) oxide (wt.%)	10.85	10.68	11.02	10.75	10.94		
Ho <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Holmium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND		
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Table 2 continued.

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Constituent	Value	Low	High	Low	High	
Borate Fusion XRF continued						
K <sub>2</sub> O, Potassium oxide (wt.%)	2.59	2.53	2.66	2.58	2.61	
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Lanthanum(III) oxide (wt.%)	0.053	0.045	0.062	IND	IND	
Lu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Lutetium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	0.827	0.809	0.845	0.813	0.841	
MnO, Manganese oxide (wt.%)	0.018	0.013	0.023	IND	IND	
Na <sub>2</sub> O, Sodium oxide (wt.%)	0.224	0.183	0.264	0.212	0.236	
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Niobium(V) oxide (ppm)	317	274	359	296	337	
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Neodymium(III) oxide (wt.%)	0.031	0.021	0.040	IND	IND	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Phosphorus(V) oxide (wt.%)	0.188	0.178	0.197	0.184	0.191	
SiO <sub>2</sub> , Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	62.44	61.78	63.09	62.15	62.72	
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Samarium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
SnO <sub>2</sub> , Tin dioxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
SrO, Strontium oxide (ppm)	183	162	204	IND	IND	
Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , Terbium(III,IV) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
ThO <sub>2</sub> , Thorium dioxide (ppm)	63	28	98	IND	IND	
TiO <sub>2</sub> , Titanium dioxide (wt.%)	1.19	1.17	1.21	1.17	1.20	
Tm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Thulium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> , Uranium(V,VI) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Ytterbium(III) oxide (ppm)	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	
ZrO <sub>2</sub> , Zirconium dioxide (ppm)	390	366	414	372	407	
Thermogravimetry						
LOI <sup>1000</sup> , Loss on ignition @1000 °C (wt.%)	4.60	4.36	4.85	4.53	4.68	

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Table 3. Indicative Values for OREAS 467.

Table 6. Indicative values for ONEAO 407.										
Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value		
4-Acid Diges	4-Acid Digestion									
Er	ppm	2.59	Но	ppm	1.18	Tm	ppm	0.31		
Ge	ppm	1.11	Lu	ppm	0.30	Y	ppm	25.8		
Hg	ppm	0.37	Se	ppm	0.92	Yb	ppm	1.99		
Borate / Pero	xide Fu	sion ICP								
Na	wt.%	0.177	Na₂O	wt.%	0.239	Sb	ppm	5.41		
Ag	ppm	< 1	Pb	ppm	33.7	Se	ppm	13.7		
Ge	ppm	3.00	Re	ppm	0.005	Те	ppm	< 1		
ln	ppm	0.19	S	wt.%	0.010	TI	ppm	0.71		
Borate Fusio	n XRF									
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	517	Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	141	Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	< 100		
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	< 100	HfO <sub>2</sub>	ppm	< 100	SO <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	0.020		
CI	ppm	< 100	MoO <sub>3</sub>	ppm	< 100	Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	ppm	< 100		
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	ppm	< 100	Ni	ppm	46.5	TOT_XRF	wt.%	99.59		
Cs <sub>2</sub> O	ppm	< 100	PbO	ppm	< 100	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	ppm	300		
Cu	ppm	35.6	Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	ppm	124	WO <sub>3</sub>	ppm	88		
F	ppm	< 5000	Rb <sub>2</sub> O	ppm	83	Y	ppm	71		
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	< 100	Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	< 100	ZnO	ppm	73		
Thermogravi	metry									
H <sub>2</sub> O-	wt.%	0.940								

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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 (generated from data supplied by laboratories all accredited to ISO 17025 for 4-acid digestion) and Table 2 (generated from data supplied by laboratories mostly accredited to ISO 17025) provide the certified values and their associated 95 % expanded uncertainty and tolerance intervals, Table 3 shows indicative values including major and trace element characterisation, Table 4 provides some indicative physical properties, Table 5 shows indicative mineralogy by semi-quantitative XRD analysis and Table 6 presents the performance gate intervals 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 (PDM³) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (OREAS 467-DataPack.1.1.251215\_150356.xlsx).

OREAS 467 belongs to a CRM suite covering 0.11-9.88% TREO +  $Y_2O_3$ , with method-specific certification for REEs, major elements, and trace elements using fusion with XRF, fusion with ICP-OES and/or ICP-MS, and 4-acid digestion with ICP-OES and/or ICP-MS.

Results are also presented in scatter plots for CeO<sub>2</sub>, La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Pr<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub> by borate / peroxide fusion with ICP in Figures 1 to 4 respectively, together with ±3SD (magenta) and ±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.

## SOURCE MATERIAL

OREAS 467 is a certified reference material (CRM) prepared from a blend of barren siliclastic sedimentary rock sourced from Victoria, Australia with a small addition of rare earth element (REE)—bearing waste rock sourced from Lynas Corporation's Mount Weld Central Lanthanide Deposit. The Mount Weld deposit is a Proterozoic, carbonatite-hosted, deeply weathered monazite-rich REE deposit located ~35 km south of Laverton in Western Australia. The REE-bearing ores are predominantly comprised of secondary REE phosphates such as monazite and other alteration products formed through intense tropical weathering.

The Mt Weld carbonatite has a thick weathering/regolith layer (10 to >70 m) of laterite overlying the unweathered carbonatite that contains high-grade REO deposits and concentrations of niobium, zirconium, and other 'rare' metals. A zone of supergeneenrichment contains abundant insoluble phosphates, aluminophosphates, clays, crandallite

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group minerals, iron and manganese-bearing oxides that contain elevated concentrations of REE, Ba, Cr, Nb, Sr, Ta, Ti, Th, U, V, Y and Zr, including economic accumulations of REE, niobium-tantalum and phosphatic minerals. Extreme lateritic weathering prevailed in the supergene zone over a protracted period of time and resulted in the degradation of the residual magmatic REE-bearing minerals. The majority of the REOs are contained within secondary, low Th phosphate minerals with low levels of deleterious elements (e.g. F and Ca). The Central lanthanide deposit contains an indicative mix of predominantly LREE and shows the following proportions when summed to 100%: CeO<sub>2</sub> (42.0%), La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (28.2%), Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (16.2%), Pr<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub> (5.46%), Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2.34%) and Eu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.502%), together with minor components of HREE: Dy<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.608%) and Tb<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (0.134%).

#### COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The materials constituting OREAS 467 was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying to constant mass at 105 °C;
- Crushing and multi-stage milling to >99.5% minus 75 microns;
- Blending the ores and barren materials in appropriate proportions to achieve desired grades;
- Homogenisation using OREAS' novel processing technologies;
- Packaging in 10 g units in laminated foil pouches and 1 kg units in plastic wide-mouth jars.

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

OREAS 467 was tested at ORE Research & Exploration Pty Ltd's onsite facility for various physical properties. Table 4 presents these findings that should be used for informational purposes only.

Table 4. Physical properties of OREAS 467.

Bulk Density (kg/m³)	Moisture (wt.%)	Munsell Notation <sup>‡</sup>	Munsell Color <sup>‡</sup>
833	1.32	5YR 6/4	Light Brown

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>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.

# **MINERALOGY**

The semi-quantitative XRD results shown in Table 5 below were undertaken by ALS Metallurgy in Balcatta, Western Australia. The results have been normalised to 100 % and represent the relative proportion of crystalline material. Totals greater or less than 100 % are due to rounding errors.

'Clay mineral' appears to be mainly montmorillonite and/or illite. 'Crandallite group' appears to be mainly florencite. \*Muscovite may be underestimated due to overlapping pattern with illite. The samples might comprise svanbergite and, if present, is reported under 'Crandallite group'. A trace amount of magnesite might be present and, if present, is reported under 'Ilmenite". Some amorphous material might be present in the sample.

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Table 5. Indicative mineralogy of OREAS 467 by semi-quantitative XRD analysis.

Mineral / Mineral Group	% (mass ratio)
Crandallite group	< 1
Monazite	< 1
Hematite	4
Goethite	4
Clay mineral	6
Kaolinite	6
*Muscovite	22
Tourmaline	6
Quartz	51
Anatase	< 1
K-feldspar and/or rutile	1

# ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Twenty-five commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to certify the elements reported in Table 1 and 2. The following methods were employed:

- 4-acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>-HF-HClO<sub>4</sub>-HCl) digestion with full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental packages (up to 20 laboratories depending on the element);
- Sodium peroxide/borate fusion with full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental packages (up to 18 laboratories depending on the element);
- Lithium borate fusion whole rock analysis package with X-ray fluorescence (up to 12 laboratories depending on the element);
- Thermogravimetry: Loss on Ignition (LOI) at 1000 °C (9 laboratories used a thermogravimetric analyser, 5 laboratories included LOI with their fusion package and 3 laboratories used a conventional muffle furnace).

For the round robin program six 600 g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following homogenisation and are considered representative of the entire prepared batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking a 20 g subsample from six different 600 g test units (either from the odd or even numbered test units). Homogeneity was evaluated using 12 subsamples analysed by sodium peroxide fusion with ICP finish. ANOVA was applied to triplicates from four test units to compare within- and between-unit variances, providing a statistical measure of batch homogeneity (see 'Homogeneity Evaluation' section below).

#### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Certified Values and their uncertainty intervals** (Tables 1 and 2) 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

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cent deviations (i) > 3 and (ii) more than three times the average absolute per cent deviation for the batch. 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. However, while statistics are taken into account, the exercise of a statistician's prerogative plays a significant role in identifying outliers.

**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 outlined in [5] and [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 or where interlaboratory consensus is poor. This data is intended for 'informational purposes' only.

**Standard Deviation** intervals (see Table 6, 'Performance Gates') 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.* 

#### **Homogeneity Evaluation**

The tolerance limits (ISO 16269:2014) shown in Tables 1 and 2 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  $CeO_2$  by fusion ICP, where 99 % of the time  $(1-\alpha=0.99)$  at least 95 % of subsamples  $(\rho=0.95)$  will have concentrations lying between 0.079 and 0.082 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. *Please note that tolerance limits pertain to the homogeneity of the CRM only and should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.* 

# **Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Study**

In addition to the precision error method outlined above, homogeneity was also evaluated using an ANOVA study. This involved sending 12 x 20 g pulp samples to the ALS Brisbane, laboratory for analysis by borate fusion with ICP finish (code ME-MS81h). The 12 samples consisted of triplicate samples from four of the six sampling units to enable an Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) by comparison of within- and between-unit variances across the four triplicates. The ANOVA enables a relative measure of homogeneity and permits a test of the null hypothesis that all 'units' are drawn from the same population distribution. An ANOVA

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constructed in this way tests that no statistically significant difference exists in the variance between-units to that of the variance within-units. A *p*-value < 0.05 would indicate rejection of the null hypothesis at the 95 % confidence level (i.e., a significant difference likely does exist; meaning there is evidence of heterogeneity between the sample intervals).

All *p*-values were found to be statistically insignificant, and the Null Hypothesis is therefore retained. It is important to note that ANOVA provides a relative measure of homogeneity and that a CRM having poor absolute homogeneity can still pass these tests 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 467 is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

# **PERFORMANCE GATES**

Table 6 below 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.

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 [1].

Table 6. Performance Gates for OREAS 467.

Constituent	Certified		Absolute	Standard	Deviations	3	Relative	Standard D	eviations	5 % w	rindow
Constituent	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digesti	ion										
Ag, ppm	0.347	0.061	0.224	0.469	0.163	0.530	17.63%	35.25%	52.88%	0.329	0.364
AI, wt.%	7.68	0.267	7.14	8.21	6.88	8.48	3.48%	6.97%	10.45%	7.30	8.06
As, ppm	437	12	414	461	402	472	2.67%	5.34%	8.01%	415	459
Ba, ppm	726	20	686	766	666	786	2.75%	5.51%	8.26%	690	763
Be, ppm	2.78	0.234	2.31	3.25	2.08	3.48	8.42%	16.84%	25.26%	2.64	2.92
Bi, ppm	19.4	1.18	17.1	21.8	15.9	23.0	6.08%	12.17%	18.25%	18.5	20.4
Ca, wt.%	0.248	0.010	0.229	0.268	0.220	0.277	3.87%	7.73%	11.60%	0.236	0.261
Cd, ppm	0.041	0.016	0.008	0.074	0.000	0.090	40.13%	80.27%	120.40	0.039	0.043
Ce, ppm	637	25	587	688	562	713	3.95%	7.89%	11.84%	606	669
Co, ppm	3.14	0.121	2.90	3.38	2.78	3.51	3.86%	7.72%	11.59%	2.98	3.30

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million; 1 x  $10^{-6}$ )  $\equiv$  mg/kg; wt.% (weight per cent)  $\equiv$  % (mass fraction).

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.

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Table 6 continued.

		Absolute Standard Deviations Relative Standard Deviations					eviations	5 % window			
Constituent	Certified			T		I .	rtelative		I	3 70 W	I
	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digest	ion continue	ed									
Cr, ppm	160	13	135	186	122	199	8.08%	16.16%	24.23%	152	168
Cs, ppm	9.95	0.495	8.96	10.94	8.46	11.43	4.98%	9.95%	14.93%	9.45	10.45
Cu, ppm	34.0	1.11	31.8	36.2	30.7	37.3	3.27%	6.53%	9.80%	32.3	35.7
Dy, ppm	8.33	0.557	7.21	9.44	6.66	10.00	6.69%	13.38%	20.06%	7.91	8.74
Eu, ppm	8.15	0.412	7.33	8.98	6.92	9.39	5.06%	10.11%	15.17%	7.75	8.56
Fe, wt.%	7.38	0.255	6.87	7.89	6.62	8.15	3.45%	6.90%	10.35%	7.01	7.75
Ga, ppm	23.2	1.46	20.3	26.1	18.8	27.6	6.29%	12.58%	18.88%	22.0	24.3
Gd, ppm	19.8	1.95	15.9	23.7	14.0	25.7	9.85%	19.69%	29.54%	18.8	20.8
Hf, ppm	5.06	0.292	4.48	5.64	4.18	5.93	5.76%	11.52%	17.29%	4.81	5.31
In, ppm	0.16	0.011	0.14	0.18	0.13	0.19	6.68%	13.37%	20.05%	0.15	0.17
K, wt.%	2.15	0.069	2.01	2.29	1.94	2.36	3.23%	6.45%	9.68%	2.04	2.26
La, ppm	449	30	389	509	358	539	6.71%	13.43%	20.14%	426	471
Li, ppm	40.8	1.50	37.8	43.8	36.3	45.3	3.69%	7.38%	11.07%	38.7	42.8
Mg, wt.%	0.412	0.022	0.368	0.456	0.346	0.478	5.33%	10.66%	15.99%	0.391	0.433
Mn, wt.%	0.013	0.001	0.012	0.014	0.011	0.015	4.74%	9.47%	14.21%	0.012	0.013
Mo, ppm	10.1	0.55	9.0	11.2	8.4	11.7	5.43%	10.86%	16.29%	9.6	10.6
Na, wt.%	0.158	0.018	0.122	0.193	0.104	0.211	11.31%	22.63%	33.94%	0.150	0.165
Nb, ppm	222	11	200	243	190	253	4.76%	9.53%	14.29%	211	233
Nd, ppm	295	17	262	329	245	346	5.69%	11.38%	17.07%	281	310
Ni, ppm	21.1	1.11	18.9	23.3	17.8	24.4	5.27%	10.55%	15.82%	20.0	22.1
P, wt.%	0.081	0.003	0.076	0.087	0.073	0.089	3.32%	6.64%	9.96%	0.077	0.085
Pb, ppm	30.7	1.65	27.4	34.0	25.8	35.7	5.36%	10.72%	16.08%	29.2	32.3
Pr, ppm	84	2.4	79	89	77	91	2.83%	5.65%	8.48%	80	88
Rb, ppm	130	6	117	142	110	149	4.92%	9.84%	14.76%	123	136
Re, ppm	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt.%	0.011	0.001	0.008	0.013	0.007	0.015	12.68%	25.37%	38.05%	0.010	0.011
Sb, ppm	5.16	0.201	4.76	5.56	4.56	5.77	3.89%	7.79%	11.68%	4.90	5.42
Sc, ppm	20.0	0.84	18.3	21.7	17.5	22.6	4.21%	8.42%	12.63%	19.0	21.0
Sm, ppm	38.8	1.71	35.3	42.2	33.6	43.9	4.42%	8.84%	13.26%	36.8	40.7
Sn, ppm	18.1	0.84	16.4	19.7	15.5	20.6	4.66%	9.32%	13.98%	17.2	19.0
Sr, ppm	147	4	139	154	135	158	2.54%	5.08%	7.62%	139	154
Ta, ppm	4.34	0.53	3.29	5.40	2.76	5.92	12.12%	24.23%	36.35%	4.13	4.56
Tb, ppm	1.99	0.186	1.62	2.36	1.43	2.55	9.34%	18.67%	28.01%	1.89	2.09
Te, ppm	0.29	0.028	0.24	0.35	0.21	0.38	9.46%	18.91%	28.37%	0.28	0.31
Th, ppm	49.8	3.44	42.9	56.7	39.5	60.1	6.91%	13.82%	20.72%	47.3	52.3
Ti, wt.%	0.544	0.030	0.485	0.603	0.455	0.633	5.46%	10.92%	16.38%	0.517	0.571
TI, ppm	0.71	0.055	0.60	0.82	0.55	0.88	7.65%	15.31%	22.96%	0.68	0.75
U, ppm	3.18	0.243	2.70	3.67	2.45	3.91	7.63%	15.27%	22.90%	3.02	3.34
V, ppm	148	5	137	158	132	164	3.58%	7.16%	10.74%	140	155
W, ppm	74	5.0	64	84	59	89	6.76%	13.53%	20.29%	70	78
Zn, ppm	49.0	2.95	43.1	54.9	40.1	57.9	6.03%	12.06%	18.09%	46.5	51.4
Zr, ppm	178	12	154	203	141	215	6.87%	13.75%	20.62%	169	187
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SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million;  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )  $\equiv$  mg/kg; wt.% (weight per cent)  $\equiv$ % (mass fraction).

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Note 1: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding; IND = indeterminate.

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.

Table 6 continued.

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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
Borate / Perox	Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP										
AI, wt.%	8.16	0.127	7.90	8.41	7.77	8.54	1.56%	3.12%	4.69%	7.75	8.56
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	15.41	0.241	14.93	15.89	14.69	16.13	1.56%	3.12%	4.69%	14.64	16.18
As, ppm	443	35	374	513	339	547	7.83%	15.66%	23.49%	421	465
B, wt.%	0.122	0.010	0.103	0.141	0.093	0.151	7.85%	15.71%	23.56%	0.116	0.128
Ba, ppm	750	21	708	792	687	813	2.79%	5.58%	8.37%	713	788
BaO, ppm	826	32	762	891	730	923	3.90%	7.80%	11.70%	785	868
Be, ppm	3.05	0.38	2.29	3.81	1.91	4.19	12.48%	24.96%	37.44%	2.90	3.20
Bi, ppm	19.3	0.82	17.7	20.9	16.8	21.7	4.24%	8.48%	12.72%	18.3	20.3
Ca, wt.%	0.267	0.019	0.229	0.304	0.210	0.323	7.09%	14.19%	21.28%	0.253	0.280
CaO, wt.%	0.373	0.026	0.320	0.426	0.294	0.452	7.09%	14.19%	21.28%	0.354	0.392
Cd, ppm	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ce, wt.%	0.066	0.003	0.060	0.072	0.057	0.075	4.56%	9.12%	13.69%	0.062	0.069
CeO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	0.081	0.004	0.073	0.088	0.070	0.092	4.56%	9.12%	13.69%	0.077	0.085
Co, ppm	3.54	0.351	2.84	4.24	2.49	4.59	9.91%	19.83%	29.74%	3.36	3.72
Cr, ppm	186	18	151	221	133	239	9.49%	18.98%	28.47%	177	195
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	283	32	218	347	186	380	11.40%	22.80%	34.20%	269	297
Cs, ppm	10.1	0.64	8.8	11.4	8.2	12.1	6.37%	12.74%	19.11%	9.6	10.6
Cu, ppm	34.6	3.20	28.2	41.0	25.0	44.2	9.24%	18.49%	27.73%	32.9	36.3
Dy, ppm	10.0	0.36	9.3	10.7	8.9	11.1	3.61%	7.22%	10.83%	9.5	10.5
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	11.5	0.42	10.7	12.3	10.3	12.7	3.61%	7.22%	10.83%	10.9	12.1
Er, ppm	4.12	0.212	3.70	4.55	3.49	4.76	5.14%	10.28%	15.42%	3.92	4.33
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	4.70	0.236	4.23	5.18	4.00	5.41	5.01%	10.02%	15.02%	4.47	4.94
Eu, ppm	8.20	0.317	7.57	8.84	7.25	9.16	3.87%	7.74%	11.61%	7.79	8.61
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	9.50	0.368	8.76	10.23	8.40	10.60	3.87%	7.74%	11.61%	9.02	9.97
Fe, wt.%	7.64	0.110	7.42	7.86	7.31	7.98	1.44%	2.88%	4.32%	7.26	8.03
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	10.93	0.157	10.61	11.24	10.46	11.40	1.44%	2.88%	4.32%	10.38	11.48
Ga, ppm	22.6	2.8	17.0	28.1	14.3	30.9	12.30%	24.59%	36.89%	21.5	23.7
Gd, ppm	19.9	1.05	17.8	22.0	16.7	23.0	5.29%	10.57%	15.86%	18.9	20.9
Gd₂O₃, ppm	22.9	1.21	20.5	25.3	19.3	26.5	5.29%	10.57%	15.86%	21.7	24.0
Hf, ppm	8.13	0.469	7.19	9.07	6.72	9.54	5.77%	11.54%	17.31%	7.73	8.54
HfO <sub>2</sub> , ppm	9.59	0.554	8.48	10.70	7.93	11.25	5.77%	11.54%	17.31%	9.11	10.07
Ho, ppm	1.64	0.080	1.48	1.80	1.40	1.88	4.90%	9.80%	14.70%	1.56	1.72
Ho₂O₃, ppm	1.88	0.092	1.70	2.06	1.60	2.16	4.90%	9.80%	14.70%	1.79	1.97
K, wt.%	2.24	0.097	2.05	2.43	1.95	2.53	4.31%	8.62%	12.94%	2.13	2.35
K <sub>2</sub> O, wt.%	2.70	0.116	2.46	2.93	2.35	3.05	4.31%	8.62%	12.94%	2.56	2.83
La, wt.%	0.048	0.002	0.043	0.053	0.040	0.055	5.22%	10.45%	15.67%	0.045	0.050
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	0.056	0.003	0.050	0.062	0.047	0.064	5.22%	10.45%	15.67%	0.053	0.059
Li, ppm	41.7	2.25	37.2	46.1	34.9	48.4	5.39%	10.78%	16.18%	39.6	43.7
Lu, ppm	0.47	0.028	0.42	0.53	0.39	0.56	5.99%	11.98%	17.97%	0.45	0.50
Lu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	0.54	0.032	0.47	0.60	0.44	0.64	5.99%	11.98%	17.97%	0.51	0.57
Mg, wt.%	0.489	0.020	0.450	0.529	0.430	0.549	4.06%	8.12%	12.18%	0.465	0.514
MgO, wt.%	0.812	0.033	0.746	0.877	0.713	0.910	4.06%	8.12%	12.18%	0.771	0.852
Mn, wt.%	0.014	0.001	0.012	0.015	0.011	0.016	5.61%	11.22%	16.82%	0.013	0.014
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Table 6 continued.

	A L L C L L D L II										
Constituent	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
Borate / Perox	Borate / Peroxide Fusion ICP continued										
MnO, wt.%	0.018	0.001	0.016	0.020	0.015	0.021	5.61%	11.22%	16.82%	0.017	0.019
Mo, ppm	10.2	0.78	8.7	11.8	7.9	12.6	7.64%	15.27%	22.91%	9.7	10.8
Nb, ppm	239	19	201	276	183	294	7.77%	15.54%	23.31%	227	250
Nd, wt.%	0.029	0.001	0.026	0.032	0.025	0.034	4.95%	9.91%	14.86%	0.028	0.031
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	0.034	0.002	0.031	0.038	0.029	0.039	4.95%	9.91%	14.86%	0.033	0.036
Ni, ppm	26.3	7.6	11.2	41.4	3.7	49.0	28.70%	57.40%	86.11%	25.0	27.7
P, wt.%	0.083	0.009	0.064	0.101	0.055	0.110	11.08%	22.16%	33.23%	0.078	0.087
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , wt.%	0.190	0.021	0.147	0.232	0.126	0.253	11.16%	22.33%	33.49%	0.180	0.199
Pr, ppm	85	4.1	77	94	73	98	4.81%	9.62%	14.43%	81	90
Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub> , ppm	103	5	93	113	88	118	4.81%	9.62%	14.43%	98	108
Rb, ppm	125	8	110	141	102	148	6.16%	12.33%	18.49%	119	131
Sc, ppm	20.3	2.1	16.0	24.5	13.8	26.7	10.54%	21.09%	31.63%	19.2	21.3
Si, wt.%	29.15	1.653	25.85	32.46	24.19	34.11	5.67%	11.34%	17.01%	27.70	30.61
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	62.37	3.536	55.29	69.44	51.76	72.97	5.67%	11.34%	17.01%	59.25	65.48
Sm, ppm	38.2	2.43	33.3	43.0	30.9	45.5	6.38%	12.75%	19.13%	36.3	40.1
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	44.3	2.82	38.6	49.9	35.8	52.7	6.38%	12.75%	19.13%	42.1	46.5
Sn, ppm	20.7	1.37	17.9	23.4	16.5	24.8	6.65%	13.29%	19.94%	19.6	21.7
Sr, ppm	153	12	128	177	116	189	8.00%	16.00%	23.99%	145	160
Ta, ppm	4.91	0.420	4.07	5.75	3.65	6.17	8.55%	17.11%	25.66%	4.66	5.16
Tb, ppm	2.15	0.137	1.87	2.42	1.74	2.56	6.37%	12.75%	19.12%	2.04	2.26
Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , ppm	2.53	0.163	2.20	2.85	2.04	3.02	6.46%	12.93%	19.39%	2.40	2.65
Th, ppm	48.2	1.42	45.4	51.1	44.0	52.5	2.95%	5.90%	8.85%	45.8	50.7
Ti, wt.%	0.712	0.022	0.668	0.755	0.646	0.777	3.08%	6.15%	9.23%	0.676	0.747
TiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	1.19	0.037	1.11	1.26	1.08	1.30	3.08%	6.15%	9.23%	1.13	1.25
Tm, ppm	0.54	0.040	0.45	0.62	0.41	0.66	7.56%	15.11%	22.67%	0.51	0.56
Tm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	0.63	0.058	0.51	0.75	0.46	0.80	9.19%	18.38%	27.58%	0.60	0.66
U, ppm	3.55	0.153	3.25	3.86	3.10	4.01	4.30%	8.60%	12.90%	3.38	3.73
V, ppm	161	6	148	173	142	179	3.95%	7.89%	11.84%	152	169
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , ppm	287	11	264	309	253	320	3.95%	7.89%	11.84%	272	301
W, ppm	79	4.8	69	88	64	93	6.06%	12.11%	18.17%	75	83
Y, ppm	40.3	1.44	37.5	43.2	36.0	44.7	3.57%	7.14%	10.71%	38.3	42.4
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	51	1.8	48	55	46	57	3.57%	7.14%	10.71%	49	54
Yb, ppm	3.37	0.160	3.05	3.69	2.89	3.85	4.74%	9.47%	14.21%	3.20	3.54
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	3.77	0.229	3.32	4.23	3.09	4.46	6.07%	12.14%	18.21%	3.59	3.96
Zn, ppm	51	5	40	62	35	68	10.64%	21.29%	31.93%	49	54
Zr, ppm	320	15	289	351	273	366	4.83%	9.67%	14.50%	304	336
Borate Fusion XRF											
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	15.28	0.282	14.72	15.85	14.44	16.13	1.84%	3.69%	5.53%	14.52	16.05
BaO, ppm	750	64	623	878	559	941	8.48%	16.96%	25.43%	713	788
CaO, wt.%	0.344	0.016	0.311	0.376	0.295	0.392	4.71%	9.42%	14.13%	0.327	0.361
CeO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	0.080	0.008	0.064	0.095	0.057	0.103	9.65%	19.29%	28.94%	0.076	0.084
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	249	74	101	398	26	473	29.83%	59.66%	89.49%	237	262

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	Certified		Absolute	Standard	Deviations	5	Relative Standard Deviations			5 % window	
	Value	1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Borate Fusion	Borate Fusion XRF continued										
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	10.85	0.189	10.47	11.22	10.28	11.41	1.74%	3.48%	5.22%	10.30	11.39
Ho <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
K <sub>2</sub> O, wt.%	2.59	0.075	2.44	2.75	2.37	2.82	2.90%	5.80%	8.70%	2.47	2.72
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	0.053	0.007	0.040	0.067	0.033	0.073	12.53%	25.05%	37.58%	0.051	0.056
Lu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
MgO, wt.%	0.827	0.021	0.785	0.869	0.764	0.890	2.55%	5.10%	7.65%	0.786	0.868
MnO, wt.%	0.018	0.003	0.012	0.023	0.010	0.026	15.39%	30.78%	46.17%	0.017	0.019
Na <sub>2</sub> O, wt.%	0.224	0.044	0.135	0.312	0.091	0.357	19.80%	39.60%	59.40%	0.213	0.235
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , ppm	317	33	251	383	218	416	10.44%	20.87%	31.31%	301	333
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	0.031	0.007	0.016	0.045	0.009	0.052	23.65%	47.30%	70.95%	0.029	0.032
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , wt.%	0.188	0.008	0.171	0.204	0.163	0.212	4.37%	8.73%	13.10%	0.178	0.197
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	62.44	0.687	61.06	63.81	60.38	64.50	1.10%	2.20%	3.30%	59.31	65.56
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
SnO <sub>2</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
SrO, ppm	183	19	145	222	125	241	10.56%	21.12%	31.69%	174	192
Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
ThO <sub>2</sub> , ppm	63	14	34	91	19	106	22.98%	45.95%	68.93%	59	66
TiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	1.19	0.015	1.16	1.22	1.14	1.23	1.26%	2.53%	3.79%	1.13	1.25
Tm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	< 100	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
ZrO <sub>2</sub> , ppm	390	24	341	439	316	463	6.27%	12.54%	18.81%	370	409
Thermogravin	Thermogravimetry										
LOI <sup>1000</sup> , wt.%	4.60	0.453	3.70	5.51	3.25	5.96	9.83%	19.66%	29.50%	4.37	4.84

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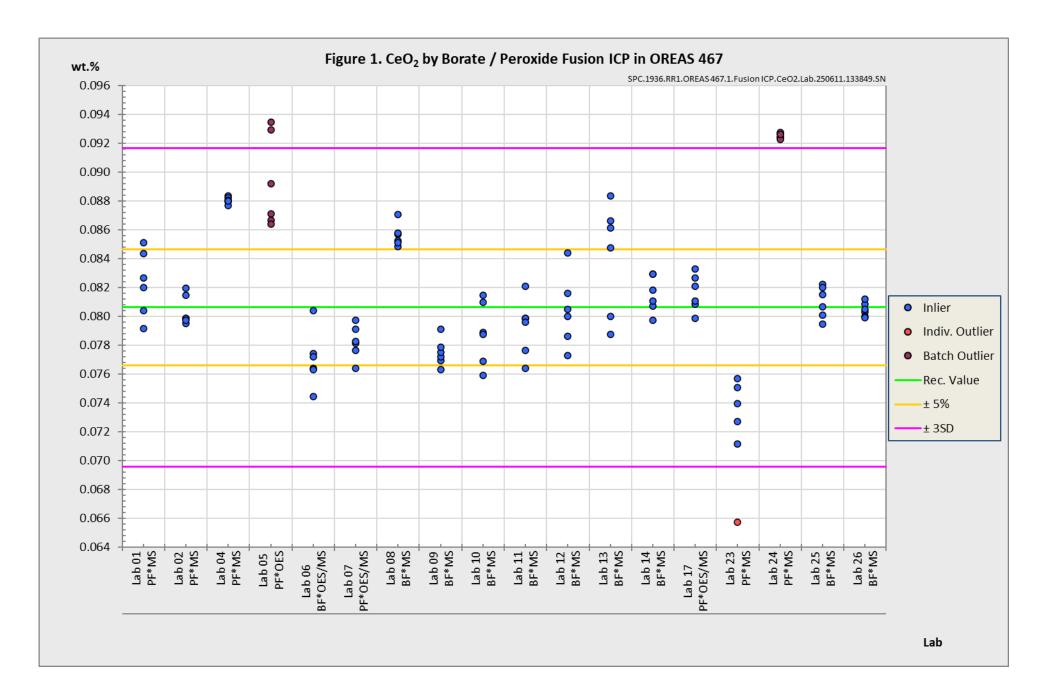
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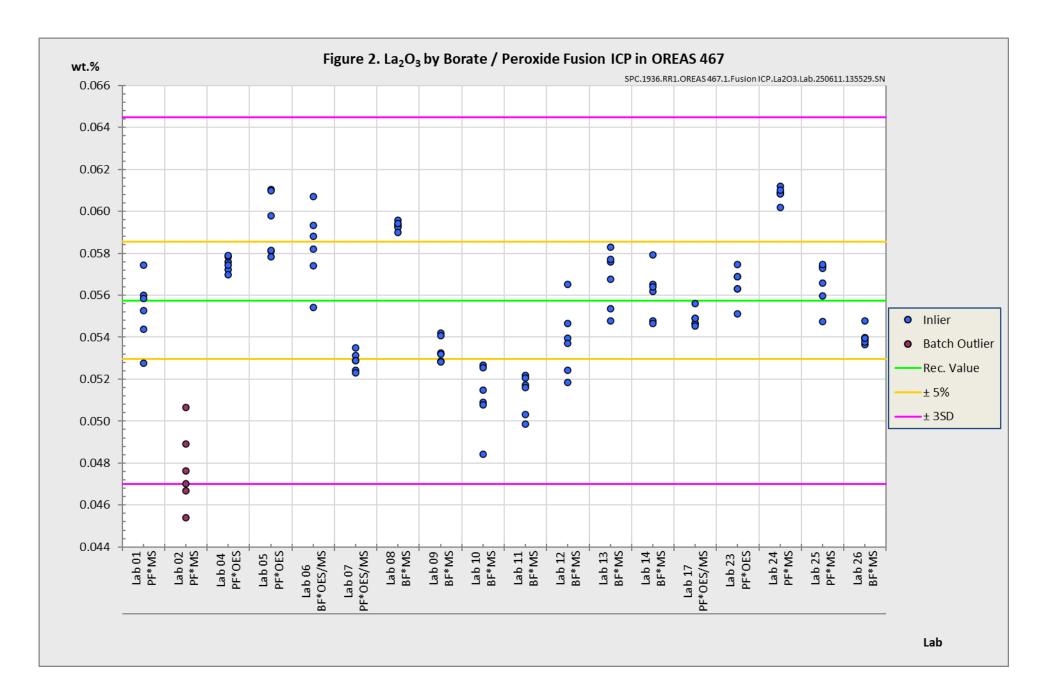
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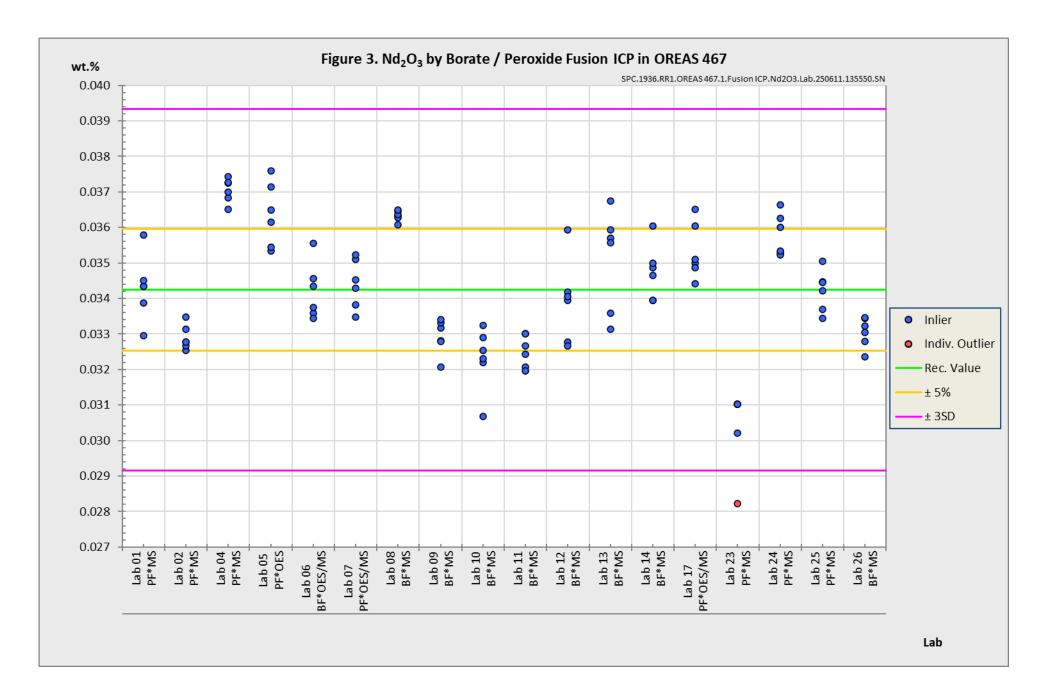
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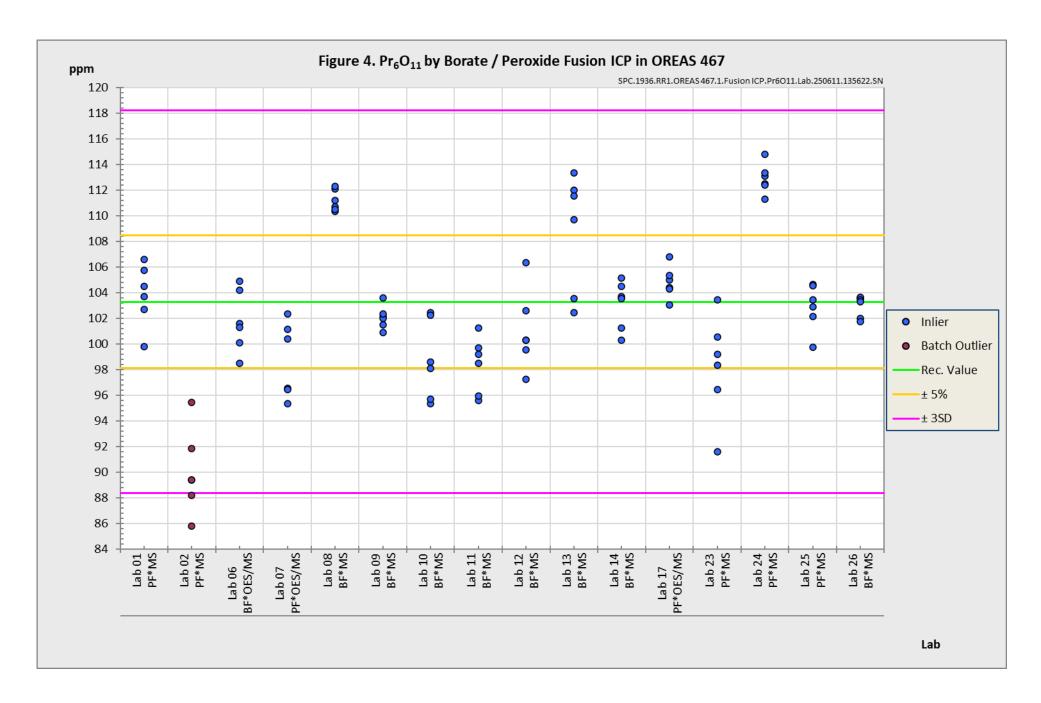
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#### METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY

The interlaboratory results that underpin the certified values are metrologically traceable to the international measurement scale (SI) of mass (either as a % mass fraction or as milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)) [14]. In line with popular use, all data within tables in this certificate are expressed as the mass fraction in either weight percent (wt.%) or parts per million (ppm).

The analytical samples sent to participating laboratories were selected in a manner to be representative of the entire prepared batch of CRM. This representativeness 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. The systematic sampling method was chosen due to the low risk of overlooking repetitive effects or trends in the batch due to the way the CRM was processed. In line with ISO 17025 [8], each analytical data set received from the participating laboratories has been validated by its assayer through the inclusion of internal reference materials and QC checks during and post analysis.

The participating laboratories were chosen on the basis of their competence (from past performance in interlaboratory programs undertaken by ORE Pty Ltd) for a particular analytical method, analyte or analyte suite and sample matrix. These laboratories are accredited to ISO 17025 for 4-acid digestion (Table 1). The other operationally defined measurands characterised in this certificate (Table 2) are derived from data procured mostly from ISO 17025 accredited laboratories. The certified values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust technical and statistical analysis as detailed in this report.

Guide ISO/TR 16476:2016 [7], 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 33405:2024-05, 9.2.4c) [4]." 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 (fusion/digestion) 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 the field samples being analysed.

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#### **INTENDED USE**

OREAS 467 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 467 may be used to calibrate the entire procedure by producing a pure substance CRM transformed into a calibration solution.

OREAS 467 is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2 in geological samples;
- For the verification/ validation of analytical methods for analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2:
- For the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of analytes reported in Tables 1 and 2. When a value provided in this certificate is used to calibrate a measurement process, the uncertainty associated with that value should be appropriately propagated into the user's uncertainty calculation. Users can determine an approximation of the standard uncertainty by calculating one fourth of the width of the Expanded Uncertainty interval given in this certificate (Expanded Uncertainty intervals are provided in Tables 1 and 2).

#### MINIMUM SAMPLE SIZE

To relate analytical determinations to the values in this certificate, 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 minimum sample masses should be used depending on the operationally defined methodology as follows:

- 4-acid digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥ 0.25 g
- Sodium peroxide / Lithium Borate fusion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish: ≥0.2 g;
- Borate fusion with X-ray fluorescence finish: ≥0.2 g;
- Loss on Ignition (LOI) at 1000 °C: ≥1 g.

#### PERIOD OF VALIDITY & STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

The certification of OREAS 467 remains valid, within the specified measurement uncertainties, until at least August 2039, 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 467 is packaged in single-use laminated foil sachets. Following analysis, it is the manufacturer's expectation that any remaining material is discarded. It is the user's

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responsibility to prevent contamination and avoid prolonged exposure of the sample to the atmosphere prior to analysis.

# Repeat-use packaging (e.g., 1 kg plastic jars)

After taking a subsample, users should replace the lid of the jar promptly and securely to prevent accidental spills and airborne contamination. OREAS 467 contains a preequilibrated hygroscopic\* matrix with an indicative value for moisture provided to enable users to check for changes to stored material by determining moisture in the user's laboratory and comparing the result to the value in Table 4 in this certificate.

The stability of the CRM in regard to oxidation from the breakdown of sulphide minerals to sulphates is negligible given its low sulphur concentration (~0.01 wt.% S).

\*A pre-equilibrated hygroscopic matrix means exposure to atmospheres significantly different, in terms of temperature and humidity, from the climate during manufacturing should have negligible impact on the precision of results. Hygroscopic moisture is the amount of adsorped moisture (weakly held H<sub>2</sub>O- molecules on the surface of exposed material) following exposure to the local atmosphere. Usually, equilibration of material to the local atmosphere will occur if the material is spread into a thin (~2mm thick) layer and left exposed for a period of 2 hours.

#### 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.

As per routine analysis at commercial laboratories, the certified values derived by borate 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.

#### 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 interlaboratory 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 6 are intended only to be used as a preliminary 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

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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 then generally there is no cause for concern in regard to bias.

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