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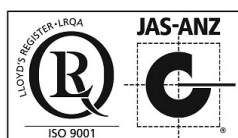
**CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**OREAS 238c**

**Gold Ore (Fosterville Gold Mine, Victoria, Australia)**



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**Table 1. Certified Values, Uncertainty & Tolerance Intervals in OREAS 238c.**

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
<b>Pb Fire Assay</b>					
Au, Gold (ppm)	3.17	3.14	3.20	3.17*	3.18*
<b>PhotonAssay (recommended gross mass 525-555 g)</b>					
Au, Gold (ppm)	3.21	3.18	3.23	3.21*	3.21*
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion (sample weights 10-50g)</b>					
Au, Gold (ppm)	3.08	3.01	3.14	3.07*	3.09*
<b>Cyanide Leach</b>					
Au, Gold (ppm)	2.75	2.67	2.83	2.74*	2.76*
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	0.262	0.239	0.284	0.246	0.277
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	6.43	6.24	6.63	6.32	6.55
As, Arsenic (ppm)	776	749	803	759	793
Ba, Barium (ppm)	716	693	740	705	728
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.06	1.92	2.20	1.97	2.15
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.28	0.34
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	1.55	1.50	1.60	1.53	1.58
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	0.067	0.055	0.079	IND	IND
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	76	72	80	73	78
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	17.8	17.0	18.5	17.4	18.2
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	122	113	130	118	126
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	7.49	7.22	7.76	7.28	7.71
Cu, Copper (ppm)	74	71	77	73	76
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	3.64	3.45	3.83	3.47	3.81
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.72	1.58	1.85	1.63	1.80
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.35	1.27	1.44	1.30	1.40
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	4.66	4.50	4.82	4.57	4.74
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	16.5	15.9	17.2	16.1	16.9
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	5.29	4.89	5.68	5.12	5.46
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	3.99	3.77	4.21	3.81	4.17
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.65	0.59	0.71	0.61	0.69
In, Indium (ppm)	0.065	0.057	0.074	0.062	0.069
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.25	2.19	2.32	2.19	2.32
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	37.6	36.1	39.2	36.9	38.4
Li, Lithium (ppm)	39.6	38.2	41.0	38.8	40.5
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.27	0.24	0.30	0.25	0.29
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.68	1.62	1.73	1.64	1.71
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.075	0.073	0.077	0.074	0.076
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	1.98	1.84	2.11	1.88	2.07
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.867	0.837	0.898	0.852	0.883
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	15.0	14.3	15.6	14.7	15.3

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

\*Gold Tolerance Limits for typical 30 g fire assay, 25 g aqua regia digestion, 200 g cyanide leach, and 525-555 g PhotonAssay are determined from 20 x 85 mg INAA results and the Sampling Constant (Ingamells & Switzer, 1973).

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

IND = indeterminate (due to limited reading resolution of the methods employed).

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
<b>4-Acid Digestion continued</b>					
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	33.8	32.1	35.5	32.8	34.8
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	59	57	61	58	60
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.091	0.088	0.094	0.089	0.093
Pb, Lead (ppm)	18.7	17.8	19.6	18.0	19.3
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	8.86	8.53	9.19	8.51	9.21
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	126	122	130	121	131
Re, Rhenium (ppm)	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.439	0.424	0.455	0.429	0.449
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	599	577	621	588	609
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	14.5	14.0	15.1	14.2	14.8
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	6.52	6.16	6.88	6.27	6.78
Sn, Tin (ppm)	2.97	2.82	3.11	2.84	3.09
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	155	149	161	152	159
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	1.03	0.96	1.10	0.98	1.07
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.71	0.65	0.77	0.68	0.74
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	12.9	12.3	13.5	12.4	13.5
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.505	0.487	0.523	0.496	0.515
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.64	0.60	0.68	0.61	0.67
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.23	0.26
U, Uranium (ppm)	2.55	2.39	2.70	2.41	2.68
V, Vanadium (ppm)	108	104	112	105	110
W, Tungsten (ppm)	2.68	2.45	2.91	2.48	2.87
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	16.9	15.9	17.9	16.3	17.6
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	1.66	1.56	1.76	1.56	1.76
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	88	85	92	87	90
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	145	138	152	141	149
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>					
Ag, Silver (ppm)	0.251	0.236	0.265	0.239	0.262
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	2.77	2.67	2.88	2.72	2.82
As, Arsenic (ppm)	758	738	778	748	768
B, Boron (ppm)	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, Barium (ppm)	199	191	207	192	205
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	1.24	1.15	1.33	1.19	1.29
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	0.31	0.28	0.33	0.28	0.33
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.731	0.708	0.755	0.718	0.745
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	0.050	0.039	0.061	IND	IND
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	40.7	37.9	43.4	39.1	42.2
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	16.2	15.7	16.7	15.9	16.5
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	111	107	115	109	113

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

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Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>					
Cs, Caesium (ppm)	6.03	5.79	6.27	5.91	6.15
Cu, Copper (ppm)	73	71	75	72	74
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	2.24	1.97	2.51	2.13	2.34
Er, Erbium (ppm)	1.02	0.90	1.14	0.98	1.06
Eu, Europium (ppm)	0.53	0.46	0.61	0.51	0.56
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	3.98	3.90	4.06	3.92	4.04
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	9.40	9.01	9.79	9.18	9.63
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	3.15	2.65	3.65	2.96	3.34
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	0.11	0.08	0.14	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	0.45	0.41	0.49	0.43	0.47
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	0.016	0.007	0.025	IND	IND
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.37	0.31	0.43	0.36	0.39
In, Indium (ppm)	0.047	0.044	0.049	0.044	0.049
K, Potassium (wt.%)	0.926	0.899	0.952	0.907	0.944
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	20.3	19.1	21.6	19.7	21.0
Li, Lithium (ppm)	27.6	26.3	28.9	26.8	28.3
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.11	0.10	0.12	IND	IND
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.29	1.25	1.33	1.26	1.31
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.058	0.057	0.060	0.058	0.059
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	1.85	1.74	1.96	1.77	1.93
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.202	0.192	0.212	0.195	0.209
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	20.2	16.8	23.7	19.9	20.6
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	55	53	56	54	56
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.081	0.079	0.083	0.080	0.083
Pb, Lead (ppm)	8.22	7.80	8.64	7.96	8.48
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	5.01	3.94	6.07	4.78	5.24
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	78	76	81	77	80
Re, Rhenium (ppm)	< 0.001	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.439	0.426	0.452	0.431	0.446
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	459	426	491	444	473
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	9.43	9.07	9.80	9.22	9.65
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	3.71	3.18	4.24	3.56	3.85
Sn, Tin (ppm)	2.02	1.92	2.13	1.94	2.11
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	53	50	55	51	54
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	< 0.01	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.42	0.37	0.47	0.40	0.43
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	0.041	0.024	0.057	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	8.47	7.95	8.98	8.25	8.68
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.257	0.249	0.266	0.251	0.263
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.44	0.41	0.46	0.42	0.45

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 Value	95% Expanded Uncertainty		95% Tolerance Limits	
		Low	High	Low	High
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>					
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.13	0.10	0.15	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	1.22	1.13	1.31	1.15	1.30
V, Vanadium (ppm)	85	83	87	84	87
W, Tungsten (ppm)	0.94	0.84	1.04	0.86	1.02
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	9.54	9.17	9.90	9.37	9.71
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	0.79	0.70	0.89	0.75	0.84
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	76	74	79	75	78
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	19.4	18.3	20.4	19.0	19.7

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

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

IND = indeterminate (due to limited reading resolution of the methods employed).

**Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 238c.**

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
<b>Infrared Combustion</b>								
C	wt.%	0.155	S	wt.%	0.430			
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>								
B	ppm	26.5	Hg	ppm	< 1			
Ge	ppm	0.20	Se	ppm	0.84			
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>								
Nb	ppm	0.80	Pt	ppb	< 5			
Pd	ppb	< 10	Se	ppm	0.55			
<b>Borate Fusion XRF</b>								
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	12.29	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	wt.%	6.71	S	wt.%	0.434
As	ppm	810	K <sub>2</sub> O	wt.%	2.71	SiO <sub>2</sub>	wt.%	68.69
BaO	ppm	805	MgO	wt.%	2.82	Sn	ppm	50
CaO	wt.%	2.19	MnO	wt.%	0.096	Sr	ppm	169
Cl	ppm	45.0	Na <sub>2</sub> O	wt.%	1.15	TiO <sub>2</sub>	wt.%	0.864
Co	ppm	30.0	Ni	ppm	75	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	ppm	220
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ppm	210	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	wt.%	0.207	Zn	ppm	95
Cu	ppm	80	Pb	ppm	70	Zr	ppm	278
<b>Thermogravimetry</b>								
LOI <sup>1000</sup>	wt.%	1.81						
<b>Laser Ablation ICP-MS</b>								
Ag	ppm	0.250	Hf	ppm	7.64	Sn	ppm	2.80
As	ppm	721	Ho	ppm	1.18	Sr	ppm	147
Ba	ppm	706	In	ppm	0.038	Ta	ppm	1.17
Be	ppm	2.30	La	ppm	37.2	Tb	ppm	0.96
Bi	ppm	0.32	Lu	ppm	0.46	Te	ppm	< 0.2
Cd	ppm	< 0.1	Mn	wt.%	0.078	Th	ppm	13.1
Ce	ppm	74	Mo	ppm	1.90	Ti	wt.%	0.540
Co	ppm	17.5	Nb	ppm	16.5	Tl	ppm	0.70
Cr	ppm	141	Nd	ppm	34.2	Tm	ppm	0.49
Cs	ppm	7.30	Ni	ppm	60	U	ppm	2.94
Cu	ppm	73	Pb	ppm	18.5	V	ppm	113
Dy	ppm	5.58	Pr	ppm	9.06	W	ppm	2.75
Er	ppm	3.37	Rb	ppm	123	Y	ppm	30.9
Eu	ppm	1.32	Re	ppm	< 0.01	Yb	ppm	3.23
Ga	ppm	16.4	Sb	ppm	611	Zn	ppm	88
Gd	ppm	6.06	Sc	ppm	13.3	Zr	ppm	282
Ge	ppm	1.53	Sm	ppm	6.85			
<b>Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis</b>								
Ag	ppm	< 5	Cu	ppm	< 10000	Sb	ppm	693
As	ppm	925	Fe	wt.%	5.10	Sc	ppm	16.5
Au	ppm	3.82	Hg	ppm	< 20	Se	ppm	< 10
Ba	ppm	800	Ir	ppm	< 0.1	Sm	ppm	8.00
Br	ppm	< 6	La	ppm	43.0	Ta	ppm	< 1
Cd	ppm	< 10	Mn	wt.%	0.073	Th	ppm	12.8
Ce	ppm	90	Mo	ppm	< 10	U	ppm	4.00
Co	ppm	20.0	Na	wt.%	0.880	W	ppm	2.00
Cr	ppm	200	Ni	ppm	100	Zn	ppm	< 200

SI unit equivalents: ppb (parts per million;  $1 \times 10^{-9}$ )  $\equiv$   $\mu$ g/kg; ppm (parts per million;  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )  $\equiv$  mg/kg; wt.% (weight per cent)  $\equiv$  % (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.

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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 handling and correct use' should be read carefully.

Table 1 presents the certified values together with their associated 95 % expanded uncertainty and tolerance intervals. Table 2 provides indicative values, including major and trace element characterisation, Table 3 lists indicative physical properties, while Table 4 reports indicative mineralogy determined by semi-quantitative XRD analysis, Gold homogeneity, assessed by INAA, is shown in Table 5 and is further demonstrated through a nested ANOVA (see *Homogeneity Evaluation* section). Finally, 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 laboratory means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**OREAS 238c-DataPack.1.0.260601\_114907.xlsx**). The certified values and uncertainties in this Certificate are the sole authoritative figures. Any additional significant figures in the DataPack are provided for reference only and do not affect the certified results.

Results are also presented in scatter plots for Au by Pb fire assay, PhotonAssay™, aqua regia digestion (sample weights 10-50 g) and cyanide leach in Figures 1 to 4 respectively, together with  $\pm 3SD$  (magenta) and  $\pm 5\%$  (yellow) control lines and certified value (green line). Accepted individual results are coloured blue and individual and dataset outliers are identified in red and violet, respectively.

## INTENDED USE

OREAS 238c 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 238c may be used to calibrate the entire procedure by producing a pure substance CRM transformed into a calibration solution.

OREAS 238c is intended for the following uses:

- For the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of analytes reported in Table 1 in geological samples;
- For the verification/ validation 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. 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 Table 1).

## **SOURCE MATERIAL**

OREAS 238c was prepared from a blend of gold ore sourced primarily from the Fosterville Gold Mine, Victoria, Australia, and is representative of orogenic gold mineralisation within the Lachlan Fold Belt. Barren hornfels and basalt were included, together with a minor proportion of gold ore from the Stawell Gold Mine, Victoria, Australia, to achieve the target grade and matrix composition.

## **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:

- Au by lead collection fire assay:  $\geq 25$  g;
- Au by PhotonAssay \*recommended gross fill mass: 525-555 g;
- Au by aqua regia digestion ICP finish:  $\geq 10$  g.;
- Au by cyanide leach:  $\geq 5$  g;
- 4-acid digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish:  $\geq 0.25$  g;
- Aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES and/or MS finish:  $\geq 0.5$  g.

*\*Recommended gross fill mass refers to the mass of the entire jar assembly, including jar base, lid, and contents. This fill range was developed using a ~40 g empty jar but should be achievable for any jar-lid combination.*

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE & CORRECT USE**

Fine powders pose a risk to eyes and lungs and therefore standard precautions including the use of safety glasses and dust masks are advised.

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

All certified values contained within this report refer to the concentration levels in the packaged state. There is no need for drying prior to weighing and analysis.

### **Single-use Sachets**

OREAS 238c is available in single-use, 60 g laminated foil sachets. 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.

## **Repeat-use Packaging (e.g., 500 g 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 238c contains a non-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 3 in this certificate.

The risk to stability of the CRM in regard to oxidation from the breakdown of sulphide minerals to sulphates is minor given its low total sulphur concentration (~0.43 wt.% S).

\*A non-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 adsorbed 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 only occur if the material is spread into a thin (~2mm thick) layer and left exposed for a period of 2 hours.

## **Authoritative Source of Information**

This Certificate of Analysis constitutes the primary and authoritative document for the certified values, associated expanded uncertainties, and their correct use. While the accompanying DataPack provides supporting information, including raw data and uncertainty estimates with additional significant figures, these extended figures are provided solely for transparency, convenience and statistical reference. Users must rely exclusively on the values stated in this Certificate, rounded to an appropriate number of significant figures, for all metrological and analytical purposes. Any discrepancy between values presented in the DataPack and those in this Certificate shall be resolved in favour of the information provided herein.

## **Notice on Certificate Updates**

The version of the Certificate of Analysis (COA) available on the OREAS website is considered the official and most current version. As COAs may be revised following periodic reviews, re-evaluation of data, or the availability of new information, users are strongly advised to refer to the latest online version prior to each use.

It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the most recent and applicable certificate is used to support the traceability, validity, and fitness-for-purpose of the certified reference material (CRM).

Any significant changes to the sections of this certificate will be clearly documented in the revised certificate.

## **QC Monitoring Using Multiples of the Standard Deviation (SD)**

When applying SDs to monitor performance, it is important to recognise that laboratories differ in proficiency, and that different methods have differing levels of precision. Each laboratory has its own inherent SD (specific to an analyte–method–concentration combination), which is not directly comparable to SDs derived from a round robin.

As most data in this round robin came from world-class laboratories, the interlaboratory SDs are narrower than would be expected across a broader mix. To provide more realistic benchmarks, this report presents pooled interlaboratory SDs, incorporating both within-lab variation and between-lab bias. These should be treated as a starting point only, with QC managers refining them against their own control charts.

The performance gates shown in Table 6 are intended only to be used as an initial 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, SDs 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 differs from the certified value, the significance of this bias should be assessed against the combined standard uncertainty of the certified value and the laboratory's own measurement uncertainty. Where the observed difference lies within this combined uncertainty, the bias is generally not considered significant.

### **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. This method is a partial empirical digest and differences in recoveries for various analytes are commonplace. These are caused by variations in the digest conditions and 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 of 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.

## **PERIOD OF VALIDITY**

The certification of OREAS 238c remains valid, within the specified measurement uncertainties, until at least October 2040, 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.

## **COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES**

The materials constituting OREAS 238c was prepared in the following manner:

- Drying of ores and barren materials to constant mass at 105° C;
- Crushing and multi-stage milling of the barren materials to >98 % minus 75 microns;
- Crushing and multi-stage milling of the ores to 100 % minus 30 microns;
- Blending the ores and barren materials in appropriate proportions to achieve desired grades;
- Homogenisation using OREAS' novel processing technologies;
- Packaging in 60 g units in laminated foil pouches and 500 g units in plastic wide-mouth jars.

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

OREAS 238c was tested at ORE Research & Exploration Pty Ltd's onsite facility for various physical properties. Table 3 presents these findings that should be used for informational purposes only.

**Table 3. Physical properties of OREAS 238c.**

Bulk Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Moisture (wt.%)	Munsell Notation <sup>‡</sup>	Munsell Color <sup>‡</sup>
834	0.49	N6	Medium Light Gray

<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 4 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.

Some amorphous material may be present. Traces of calcite, pyrite and/or hematite, Fe-Mg amphibole and gypsum may be present.

**Table 4. Indicative mineralogy of OREAS 238c by semi-quantitative XRD analysis.**

Mineral / Mineral Group	% (mass ratio)
Pyrrhotite	1
Stilpnomelane and/or sepiolite	< 1
Kandite group	< 1
Chlorite	2
Annite - biotite - phlogopite	10
Muscovite - illite	7
Cordierite	6
Clinopyroxene	3
Plagioclase	14
K-feldspar	8
Quartz	48
Dolomite - ankerite	< 1
Ilmenite and/or magnesite	< 1

## ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

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

- Instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA) for Au on 20 x 85 mg subsamples to confirm homogeneity (1 laboratory)
- Gold by Pb collection fire assay (25-50 g charge weight) with AAS (17 laboratories) and ICP-OES (5 laboratories) and gravimetric (7 laboratories) finish

- Gold by PhotonAssay (protocol PAAU02) with the recommended gross mass of 525-555 g (23 laboratories)
- Gold by 15-50 g aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES or ICP-MS (13 laboratories) and AAS (5 laboratories) finish
- Gold by cyanide leach; a variety of cyanide leach methods were undertaken by the participating laboratories including the use of LeachWELL tablets, alkaline added sodium cyanide solution as well as sodium cyanide liquor with LeachWELL powder. The sample weights included: 5 g (2 laboratories by AAS finish), 15 g (1 laboratory by AAS finish), 30 g (4 laboratories by AAS finish and 1 laboratory by ICP-OES finish), 40 g (1 laboratory by AAS finish), 50 g (1 laboratory by ICP-MS finish), 100 g (1 laboratory by AAS finish), and 200 g (3 laboratories by AAS, 1 laboratory by ICP-OES finish and 1 laboratory by ICP-MS finish)
- Full ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental suites by 4-acid ( $\text{HNO}_3\text{-HF-HClO}_4\text{-HCl}$ ) digestion (up to 24 laboratories depending on the element)
- Full ICP-OES and ICP-MS elemental suites by aqua regia digestion (up to 26 laboratories depending on the element)

Major and trace elements were characterised by Bureau Veritas Geoanalytical (Perth, Australia) using borate fusion with XRF ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  to  $\text{TiO}_2$ ), laser ablation ICP-MS (Ag to Zr), LOI at 1000 °C and C+S by infrared combustion furnace (see Table 2 'Indicative Values').

Bromine (Br), together with 28 additional elements, was determined by instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA). Analysis was performed by ALS Vancouver (Canada), with irradiation via Becquerel Laboratories. Results were issued by ALS Perth (Australia). The reported Br concentration was < 6.0 ppm, below the 7.5 ppm threshold associated with potential interference in PhotonAssay analysis.

For the round robin program, twelve 5 kg test units were collected at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately after homogenisation. With the exception of the Au by PhotonAssay programs, each participating laboratory received six test portions. The samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking a sample from six different 5 kg test units to maximise representation (i.e., from either the odd or even sampling (lot) intervals).

For the PhotonAssay program, each of the participating laboratories received three 550 g samples. Laboratories were instructed to prepare a PhotonAssay jar from each provided sample and assay each jar in duplicate, generating a total of six results per laboratory. The recommended gross mass fill for each candidate reference material was specified to participants to ensure consistency in measurement conditions.

The 20 individual INAA results upon which much of the homogeneity evaluation is based, included paired 10 g samples taken from 10 of the 12 different sampling units. This format enabled a nested ANOVA treatment of the INAA results to evaluate homogeneity (see 'Homogeneity Evaluation' section below).

## PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

1. Accura Geomysore Labs Private Limited, Jonnagiri, Kurnool, India
2. Accura Gold Minerals Testing, Namakkal, Tamilnadu, India
3. Actlabs, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada
4. Alex Stewart International, Mendoza, Argentina
5. ALS, Canning Vale, WA, Australia
6. ALS, Johannesburg, South Africa
7. ALS, Kalgoorlie, WA, Australia
8. ALS, Lima, Peru
9. ALS, Loughrea, Galway, Ireland
10. ALS, Malaga, WA, Australia
11. ALS, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
12. ALS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
13. American Assay Laboratories, Sparks, Nevada, USA
14. ANSTO, Lucas Heights, NSW, Australia
15. Bureau Veritas Commodities Canada Ltd, Vancouver, BC, Canada
16. Bureau Veritas Geoanalytical, Perth, WA, Australia
17. Bureau Veritas Minerals, Ankara, Central Anatolia, Turkey
18. BV Quito, Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador
19. Gekko Assay Labs, Ballarat, VIC, Australia
20. Gloriosa Laboratory, Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa, Namibia
21. Inspectorate (BV), Lima, Peru
22. Intertek, Cupang, Muntinlupa, Philippines
23. Intertek, Perth, WA, Australia
24. Intertek Burkina Faso SAS, Ouagadougou, Zoundwéogo, Burkina Faso
25. Intertek Genalysis, Adelaide, SA, Australia
26. Intertek Minerals Ltd, Tarkwa, Western Region, Ghana
27. MSA ENVAL Laboratories, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire
28. MSALABS, Bougouni, Bamako, Mali
29. MSALABS, Prince George, BC, Canada
30. MSALABS, Val-d'Or, Quebec, Canada
31. MSALABS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
32. MSALABS Bulyanhulu Gold Mine, Bubada, Shinyanga, United Republic of Tanzania
33. MSALABS Carlin, Carlin, Nevada, USA
34. MSALABS Elko, Elko, Nevada, USA
35. MSALABS Geita, Geita, Geita, United Republic of Tanzania
36. MSALABS Kibali Gold Mines, Doko, Haut-Uélé, Congo, Democratic Republic of the (Zaire)
37. MSALABS Timmins, Timmins, Ontario, Canada

38. On Site Laboratory Services, Bendigo, VIC, Australia
39. Paragon Geochemical Laboratories, Surrey, BC, Canada
40. PT Geoservices Ltd, Cikarang, Jakarta Raya, Indonesia
41. PT Intertek Utama Services, Jakarta Timur, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia
42. Saskatchewan Research Council, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
43. SGS Australia Mineral Services, Kalgoorlie, WA, Australia
44. SGS Australia Mineral Services, Perth, WA, Australia
45. SGS Canada Inc., Vancouver, BC, Canada
46. SGS del Peru, Lima, Peru
47. SGS Geosol Laboratorios Ltda, Vespasiano, Minas Gerais, Brazil
48. SGS African Assay Laboratories (Tanzania) Ltd, Mwanza, Mwanza Region, United Republic of Tanzania
49. SGS New Zealand Limited, Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand
50. SGS Orange, Orange, NSW, Australia
51. Shiva Analyticals Ltd, Bangalore North, Karnataka, India
52. Skyline Assayers & Laboratories, Tucson, Arizona, USA
53. Stewart Assay & Environmental Laboratories LLC, Kara-Balta, Chüy, Kyrgyzstan

***Please note: To maintain anonymity of participating laboratories, the alphabetical list above does not correspond to the Lab ID numbers shown in the scatter plots below.***

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Certified Values and their uncertainty intervals** (Table 1) have been determined for each analyte following removal of individual, laboratory dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). Outlier evaluation was conducted in accordance with ISO 17034:2016 and ISO 33405:2024. While formal statistical tests were applied, professional statistical judgment was also exercised in determining the validity of potential outliers. Assessment of systematic bias and performance using independent control materials (CRMs) was incorporated to ensure compliance with the referenced standards and to establish metrological traceability of the certified values.

**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 [6] and [15]. All known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account.

**Indicative (uncertified) values** (Table 2) 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

For analytes other than gold, the tolerance limits (ISO 16269:2014) shown in Table 1 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 Cu by 4-acid digestion, where 99 % of the time ( $1-\alpha=0.99$ ) at least 95 % of subsamples ( $p=0.95$ ) will have concentrations lying between 73 and 76 ppm. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99 % of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95 % of the total population, and 1 % of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95 % of the total population. ***Please note that tolerance limits pertain to the homogeneity of the CRM only and should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.***

The homogeneity of gold has been determined by INAA at ANSTO using the reduced analytical subsample method which utilises the known relationship between standard deviation and analytical subsample weight (Ingamells and Switzer, 1973 [2]). In this approach the sample aliquot is substantially reduced to a point where most of the variability in replicate assays should be due to inhomogeneity of the reference material and measurement error becomes negligible. Table 5 below shows the gold INAA data determined on 20 x 85 mg subsamples of OREAS 238c. An equivalent scaled version of the results is also provided to demonstrate an appreciation of what this data means if 30 g fire assays were undertaken without the normal measurement error associated with this methodology. In this instance, the 1RSD of 0.09 % calculated for a 30 g fire assay sample (1.64 % at 85 mg weights) confirms the high level of gold homogeneity in OREAS 238c.

The homogeneity of OREAS 238c has also been evaluated in an Analysis of Variance (**ANOVA**) of the INAA data. The 20 samples were comprised of paired samples from each of 10 sampling lot intervals (representative of the prepared batch) and were randomised prior to assigning sample numbers. The duplicate samples enabled an ANOVA by comparison of within- and between-unit variances across the 10 pairs. The purpose of the ANOVA is to test that no statistically significant difference exists in the variance between units to that of the variance within units. This allows an assessment of homogeneity across the entire prepared batch of OREAS 238c. The test was performed using the following parameters:

- Gold INAA – 20 results (1 laboratory providing duplicate analyses on 10 samples where each sample can be viewed as a 'unit');
- Null Hypothesis,  $H_0$ : Between-unit variance is no greater than within-unit variance (reject  $H_0$  if  $p$ -value < 0.05);
- Alternative Hypothesis,  $H_1$ : Between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

**Table 5. Neutron Activation Analysis of Au (in ppm) on 20 x 85 mg subsamples showing the equivalent results scaled to a 30 g sample mass typical of fire assay determination.**

Replicate No	Au 85 mg actual	Au 30 g equivalent*
1	3.36	3.37
2	3.29	3.36
3	3.29	3.36
4	3.39	3.37
5	3.38	3.37
6	3.26	3.36
7	3.36	3.37
8	3.36	3.37
9	3.35	3.37
10	3.46	3.37
11	3.36	3.37
12	3.38	3.37
13	3.45	3.37
14	3.36	3.37
15	3.43	3.37
16	3.41	3.37
17	3.29	3.36
18	3.34	3.36
19	3.43	3.37
20	3.39	3.37
Mean	3.37	3.37
Median	3.36	3.37
Std Dev.	0.055	0.003
<b>Rel.Std.Dev.</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>0.09%</b>

\*Results calculated for a 30g equivalent sample mass using the formula:  $x^{30g Eq} = \frac{(x^{INAA} - \bar{X}) \times RSD@30g}{RSD@85mg} + \bar{X}$

where  $x^{30g Eq}$  = equivalent result calculated for a 30g sample mass

$(x^{INAA})$  = raw INAA result at 85mg

$\bar{X}$  = mean of 85mg INAA results

The data were not filtered for outliers before p-value calculation, which yielded 0.17—statistically insignificant, so the Null Hypothesis is accepted. ANOVA does not measure absolute homogeneity; it evaluates whether analytes are similarly distributed across the packaging run and whether variance between subsamples from the same unit differs from that between separate units. A reference material may show poor absolute homogeneity yet still meet a relative homogeneity (ANOVA) criterion if within-unit heterogeneity is substantial and consistent. Based on ANOVA and interlaboratory certification results, OREAS 238c is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' above).

## 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.

Participating laboratories were selected based on demonstrated analytical competence, including prior performance in interlaboratory comparison programs conducted by ORE Pty Ltd, with consideration given to their expertise in relevant analytical methods, measurands, and sample matrices. For the measurands reported in this certificate (Table 1), data were sourced from laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025. Where formal accreditation was not held for specific operationally defined measurands, metrological traceability was verified through the use of well-characterised, independently certified reference materials (CRMs) included as control samples in the round robin study.

In accordance with ISO 33405:2024 [5], clause 9.2.5, and ISO 17034:2016 [9], clause 7.12.4b), the use of such control samples provides an acceptable means of demonstrating traceability in the absence of formal accreditation. In this certification program, traceability was further supported by the agreement of measured values for control samples with their known certified values, thereby offering additional confidence in the calibration and validity of measurement results across participating laboratories.

### **Operationally Defined Measurands**

In accordance with ISO 33405:2024, Clause 9.2.4, measurands (analytes) may be certified as operationally defined. For these measurands, traceability to the SI may not be achievable because the analytical procedure involves sample transformations (e.g., leaching or extraction). While instrument calibration can be traceable to appropriate units, the transformation steps themselves are not directly traceable and can only be evaluated through reference comparisons or harmonized procedures.

Accordingly, characterisation of these measurands has been based on the concordance of results obtained from multiple laboratories using a common, well-defined procedure. This approach ensures fitness-for-purpose, fulfilling the requirements for metrological traceability as specified in ISO 17034:2016 and ISO 33405:2024 for operationally defined measurands.

## **COMMUTABILITY**

The certified values reported herein are derived from measurements performed using analytical methods involving sample pre-treatment steps, such as fusion or acid digestion. These processes convert the sample matrix into a chemically simplified and stable form, facilitating calibration traceable to primary standards via solution-based calibration protocols. Due to the established robustness and effectiveness of these pre-treatment methods, issues related to commutability are not expected to impact the suitability of this Certified Reference Material (CRM) for its intended use.

OREAS CRMs are prepared from natural ore materials, ensuring the presence of matrix and mineralogical characteristics representative of typical exploration, mine and process samples. Consistent with ISO 17034:2016 and ISO Guide 30, users are advised to select

CRMs with matrix and mineralisation styles closely matching those of their routine samples to minimize matrix effects and enhance analytical comparability. Detailed descriptions of the CRM's source material and mineralogical characteristics are provided in the 'Source Material' section to guide appropriate CRM selection.

## 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](http://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  $\pm$ 10 %  $\pm$ 2DL [1].*

**Table 6. Performance Gates for OREAS 238c.**

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
<b>Pb Fire Assay</b>											
Au, ppm	3.17	0.081	3.01	3.34	2.93	3.42	2.54%	5.09%	7.63%	3.02	3.33
<b>PhotonAssay (recommended gross mass 525-555 g)</b>											
Au, ppm	3.21	0.093	3.02	3.39	2.93	3.49	2.88%	5.77%	8.65%	3.05	3.37
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion (sample weights 10-50 g)</b>											
Au, ppm	3.08	0.138	2.80	3.35	2.67	3.49	4.47%	8.94%	13.41%	2.93	3.23
<b>Cyanide Leach</b>											
Au, ppm	2.75	0.154	2.44	3.06	2.29	3.21	5.60%	11.20%	16.80%	2.61	2.88
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	0.262	0.018	0.226	0.298	0.208	0.315	6.86%	13.72%	20.59%	0.249	0.275
Al, wt. %	6.43	0.129	6.18	6.69	6.05	6.82	2.00%	4.01%	6.01%	6.11	6.75
As, ppm	776	29	717	834	688	864	3.77%	7.53%	11.30%	737	815
Ba, ppm	716	27	663	770	637	796	3.72%	7.43%	11.15%	681	752
Be, ppm	2.06	0.131	1.80	2.32	1.67	2.45	6.35%	12.71%	19.06%	1.96	2.16
Bi, ppm	0.31	0.024	0.26	0.36	0.24	0.38	7.66%	15.32%	22.97%	0.29	0.32
Ca, wt. %	1.55	0.032	1.49	1.62	1.46	1.65	2.04%	4.09%	6.13%	1.48	1.63
Cd, ppm	0.067	0.012	0.042	0.091	0.030	0.103	18.29%	36.58%	54.88%	0.063	0.070
Ce, ppm	76	3.5	69	83	65	86	4.62%	9.25%	13.87%	72	79

SI unit equivalents: ppm (parts per million;  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )  $\equiv$  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.

Table 6 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
<b>4-Acid Digestion continued</b>											
Co, ppm	17.8	0.45	16.9	18.7	16.4	19.1	2.55%	5.10%	7.65%	16.9	18.7
Cr, ppm	122	15	91	152	76	167	12.47%	24.94%	37.42%	116	128
Cs, ppm	7.49	0.262	6.97	8.02	6.71	8.28	3.50%	7.01%	10.51%	7.12	7.87
Cu, ppm	74	2.7	69	80	66	82	3.71%	7.41%	11.12%	70	78
Dy, ppm	3.64	0.137	3.36	3.91	3.23	4.05	3.78%	7.55%	11.33%	3.46	3.82
Er, ppm	1.72	0.080	1.56	1.88	1.48	1.96	4.64%	9.27%	13.91%	1.63	1.80
Eu, ppm	1.35	0.076	1.20	1.51	1.13	1.58	5.59%	11.17%	16.76%	1.29	1.42
Fe, wt. %	4.66	0.119	4.42	4.89	4.30	5.01	2.55%	5.10%	7.65%	4.42	4.89
Ga, ppm	16.5	0.74	15.1	18.0	14.3	18.8	4.46%	8.93%	13.39%	15.7	17.4
Gd, ppm	5.29	0.203	4.88	5.69	4.68	5.90	3.84%	7.67%	11.51%	5.02	5.55
Hf, ppm	3.99	0.203	3.58	4.40	3.38	4.60	5.09%	10.18%	15.27%	3.79	4.19
Ho, ppm	0.65	0.049	0.55	0.75	0.50	0.80	7.53%	15.07%	22.60%	0.62	0.68
In, ppm	0.065	0.006	0.053	0.078	0.047	0.084	9.55%	19.11%	28.66%	0.062	0.069
K, wt. %	2.25	0.037	2.18	2.33	2.14	2.36	1.62%	3.25%	4.87%	2.14	2.37
La, ppm	37.6	1.57	34.5	40.8	32.9	42.3	4.17%	8.34%	12.50%	35.8	39.5
Li, ppm	39.6	1.54	36.5	42.7	35.0	44.2	3.89%	7.78%	11.66%	37.6	41.6
Lu, ppm	0.27	0.015	0.24	0.30	0.22	0.31	5.73%	11.46%	17.19%	0.25	0.28
Mg, wt. %	1.68	0.044	1.59	1.76	1.54	1.81	2.62%	5.23%	7.85%	1.59	1.76
Mn, wt. %	0.075	0.002	0.071	0.079	0.069	0.081	2.69%	5.39%	8.08%	0.071	0.079
Mo, ppm	1.98	0.122	1.73	2.22	1.61	2.34	6.17%	12.34%	18.50%	1.88	2.08
Na, wt. %	0.867	0.028	0.811	0.923	0.783	0.951	3.23%	6.46%	9.70%	0.824	0.911
Nb, ppm	15.0	0.70	13.6	16.4	12.9	17.1	4.66%	9.33%	13.99%	14.2	15.7
Nd, ppm	33.8	1.29	31.2	36.4	29.9	37.7	3.81%	7.62%	11.42%	32.1	35.5
Ni, ppm	59	1.9	55	63	53	65	3.21%	6.41%	9.62%	56	62
P, wt. %	0.091	0.003	0.086	0.096	0.083	0.099	2.99%	5.98%	8.97%	0.086	0.096
Pb, ppm	18.7	0.89	16.9	20.4	16.0	21.3	4.75%	9.50%	14.25%	17.7	19.6
Pr, ppm	8.86	0.267	8.33	9.39	8.06	9.66	3.01%	6.02%	9.03%	8.42	9.30
Rb, ppm	126	4	119	134	115	137	2.97%	5.94%	8.91%	120	132
Re, ppm	< 0.002	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt. %	0.439	0.017	0.405	0.473	0.388	0.490	3.87%	7.74%	11.61%	0.417	0.461
Sb, ppm	599	31	538	660	507	690	5.09%	10.19%	15.28%	569	629
Sc, ppm	14.5	0.51	13.5	15.6	13.0	16.1	3.54%	7.09%	10.63%	13.8	15.2
Sm, ppm	6.52	0.233	6.06	6.99	5.82	7.22	3.57%	7.14%	10.72%	6.19	6.85
Sn, ppm	2.97	0.167	2.63	3.30	2.46	3.47	5.63%	11.26%	16.89%	2.82	3.11
Sr, ppm	155	5	145	165	141	170	3.17%	6.33%	9.50%	147	163
Ta, ppm	1.03	0.093	0.84	1.21	0.75	1.31	9.04%	18.07%	27.11%	0.98	1.08
Tb, ppm	0.71	0.047	0.62	0.80	0.57	0.85	6.58%	13.17%	19.75%	0.67	0.75
Te, ppm	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, ppm	12.9	0.61	11.7	14.2	11.1	14.8	4.75%	9.51%	14.26%	12.3	13.6
Ti, wt. %	0.505	0.013	0.479	0.532	0.465	0.545	2.62%	5.23%	7.85%	0.480	0.530
Tl, ppm	0.64	0.032	0.58	0.71	0.54	0.74	5.05%	10.10%	15.15%	0.61	0.67
Tm, ppm	0.25	0.010	0.23	0.27	0.22	0.28	4.22%	8.44%	12.65%	0.23	0.26
U, ppm	2.55	0.109	2.33	2.76	2.22	2.87	4.29%	8.59%	12.88%	2.42	2.67

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Table 6 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
<b>4-Acid Digestion continued</b>											
V, ppm	108	3	102	114	99	117	2.80%	5.59%	8.39%	102	113
W, ppm	2.68	0.201	2.28	3.08	2.07	3.28	7.51%	15.01%	22.52%	2.54	2.81
Y, ppm	16.9	0.79	15.3	18.5	14.6	19.3	4.66%	9.31%	13.97%	16.1	17.8
Yb, ppm	1.66	0.095	1.47	1.85	1.38	1.95	5.73%	11.45%	17.18%	1.58	1.74
Zn, ppm	88	2.7	83	94	80	96	3.00%	6.01%	9.01%	84	93
Zr, ppm	145	8	128	162	120	170	5.77%	11.54%	17.31%	138	152
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	0.251	0.011	0.229	0.273	0.218	0.284	4.38%	8.75%	13.13%	0.238	0.263
Al, wt. %	2.77	0.175	2.42	3.12	2.25	3.30	6.30%	12.59%	18.89%	2.64	2.91
As, ppm	758	24	709	806	685	831	3.20%	6.41%	9.61%	720	796
B, ppm	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, ppm	199	10	178	219	168	229	5.08%	10.16%	15.23%	189	209
Be, ppm	1.24	0.14	0.96	1.52	0.81	1.66	11.46%	22.92%	34.37%	1.18	1.30
Bi, ppm	0.31	0.021	0.26	0.35	0.24	0.37	6.92%	13.84%	20.76%	0.29	0.32
Ca, wt. %	0.731	0.030	0.672	0.791	0.643	0.820	4.04%	8.09%	12.13%	0.695	0.768
Cd, ppm	0.050	0.008	0.034	0.066	0.026	0.074	15.96%	31.93%	47.89%	0.047	0.052
Ce, ppm	40.7	3.91	32.8	48.5	28.9	52.4	9.62%	19.23%	28.85%	38.6	42.7
Co, ppm	16.2	0.52	15.1	17.2	14.6	17.7	3.21%	6.41%	9.62%	15.4	17.0
Cr, ppm	111	4	103	119	99	124	3.66%	7.33%	10.99%	106	117
Cs, ppm	6.03	0.236	5.56	6.50	5.32	6.74	3.92%	7.83%	11.75%	5.73	6.33
Cu, ppm	73	1.7	70	76	68	78	2.34%	4.67%	7.01%	69	77
Dy, ppm	2.24	0.213	1.81	2.67	1.60	2.88	9.54%	19.07%	28.61%	2.13	2.35
Er, ppm	1.02	0.096	0.83	1.21	0.73	1.31	9.39%	18.78%	28.16%	0.97	1.07
Eu, ppm	0.53	0.045	0.44	0.62	0.40	0.67	8.41%	16.82%	25.23%	0.51	0.56
Fe, wt. %	3.98	0.100	3.78	4.18	3.68	4.28	2.51%	5.01%	7.52%	3.78	4.18
Ga, ppm	9.40	0.559	8.28	10.52	7.72	11.08	5.95%	11.90%	17.85%	8.93	9.87
Gd, ppm	3.15	0.38	2.38	3.92	2.00	4.30	12.20%	24.39%	36.59%	2.99	3.31
Ge, ppm	0.11	0.03	0.05	0.17	0.02	0.20	26.93%	53.87%	80.80%	0.11	0.12
Hf, ppm	0.45	0.06	0.34	0.56	0.29	0.62	12.23%	24.47%	36.70%	0.43	0.47
Hg, ppm	0.016	0.006	0.005	0.027	0.000	0.033	35.57%	71.15%	106.72%	0.015	0.017
Ho, ppm	0.37	0.05	0.26	0.48	0.21	0.54	14.68%	29.36%	44.04%	0.36	0.39
In, ppm	0.047	0.004	0.039	0.055	0.034	0.059	8.64%	17.27%	25.91%	0.044	0.049
K, wt. %	0.926	0.035	0.855	0.996	0.820	1.032	3.82%	7.63%	11.45%	0.879	0.972
La, ppm	20.3	1.84	16.7	24.0	14.8	25.9	9.05%	18.09%	27.14%	19.3	21.4
Li, ppm	27.6	1.61	24.3	30.8	22.7	32.4	5.84%	11.68%	17.52%	26.2	28.9
Lu, ppm	0.11	0.008	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.13	7.12%	14.23%	21.35%	0.11	0.12
Mg, wt. %	1.29	0.040	1.21	1.37	1.17	1.41	3.09%	6.19%	9.28%	1.23	1.35
Mn, wt. %	0.058	0.002	0.055	0.061	0.054	0.063	2.58%	5.16%	7.75%	0.056	0.061
Mo, ppm	1.85	0.113	1.63	2.08	1.51	2.19	6.10%	12.20%	18.31%	1.76	1.94
Na, wt. %	0.202	0.012	0.178	0.226	0.166	0.238	5.94%	11.87%	17.81%	0.192	0.212
Nd, ppm	20.2	3.1	14.1	26.4	11.0	29.4	15.15%	30.30%	45.45%	19.2	21.2
Ni, ppm	55	1.6	51	58	50	60	2.96%	5.92%	8.88%	52	57
P, wt. %	0.081	0.003	0.076	0.087	0.073	0.090	3.43%	6.86%	10.30%	0.077	0.085

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<b>Aqua Regia Digestion continued</b>											
Pb, ppm	8.22	0.394	7.43	9.01	7.04	9.40	4.80%	9.59%	14.39%	7.81	8.63
Pr, ppm	5.01	1.06	2.89	7.13	1.83	8.19	21.17%	42.34%	63.50%	4.76	5.26
Rb, ppm	78	3.5	71	85	68	89	4.46%	8.91%	13.37%	74	82
Re, ppm	< 0.001	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt. %	0.439	0.018	0.404	0.474	0.386	0.492	4.02%	8.04%	12.06%	0.417	0.461
Sb, ppm	459	62	334	583	271	646	13.61%	27.22%	40.82%	436	481
Sc, ppm	9.43	0.408	8.62	10.25	8.21	10.66	4.32%	8.64%	12.97%	8.96	9.90
Sm, ppm	3.71	0.52	2.68	4.74	2.16	5.25	13.89%	27.79%	41.68%	3.52	3.89
Sn, ppm	2.02	0.124	1.78	2.27	1.65	2.39	6.10%	12.20%	18.30%	1.92	2.13
Sr, ppm	53	4.4	44	62	40	66	8.30%	16.60%	24.90%	50	55
Ta, ppm	< 0.01	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, ppm	0.42	0.05	0.32	0.51	0.27	0.56	11.55%	23.10%	34.66%	0.40	0.44
Te, ppm	0.041	0.009	0.022	0.059	0.013	0.068	22.43%	44.86%	67.29%	0.039	0.043
Th, ppm	8.47	0.741	6.98	9.95	6.24	10.69	8.76%	17.51%	26.27%	8.04	8.89
Ti, wt. %	0.257	0.012	0.234	0.280	0.223	0.292	4.47%	8.95%	13.42%	0.244	0.270
Tl, ppm	0.44	0.027	0.38	0.49	0.35	0.52	6.22%	12.45%	18.67%	0.41	0.46
Tm, ppm	0.13	0.02	0.09	0.16	0.08	0.18	13.24%	26.48%	39.72%	0.12	0.13
U, ppm	1.22	0.12	0.97	1.47	0.85	1.59	10.17%	20.35%	30.52%	1.16	1.28
V, ppm	85	2.0	81	89	79	91	2.39%	4.78%	7.18%	81	89
W, ppm	0.94	0.091	0.76	1.12	0.67	1.21	9.61%	19.22%	28.83%	0.90	0.99
Y, ppm	9.54	0.491	8.56	10.52	8.06	11.01	5.15%	10.30%	15.44%	9.06	10.01
Yb, ppm	0.79	0.063	0.67	0.92	0.61	0.98	7.88%	15.76%	23.64%	0.76	0.83
Zn, ppm	76	2.7	71	82	68	84	3.49%	6.97%	10.46%	73	80
Zr, ppm	19.4	1.50	16.4	22.4	14.9	23.9	7.74%	15.47%	23.21%	18.4	20.3

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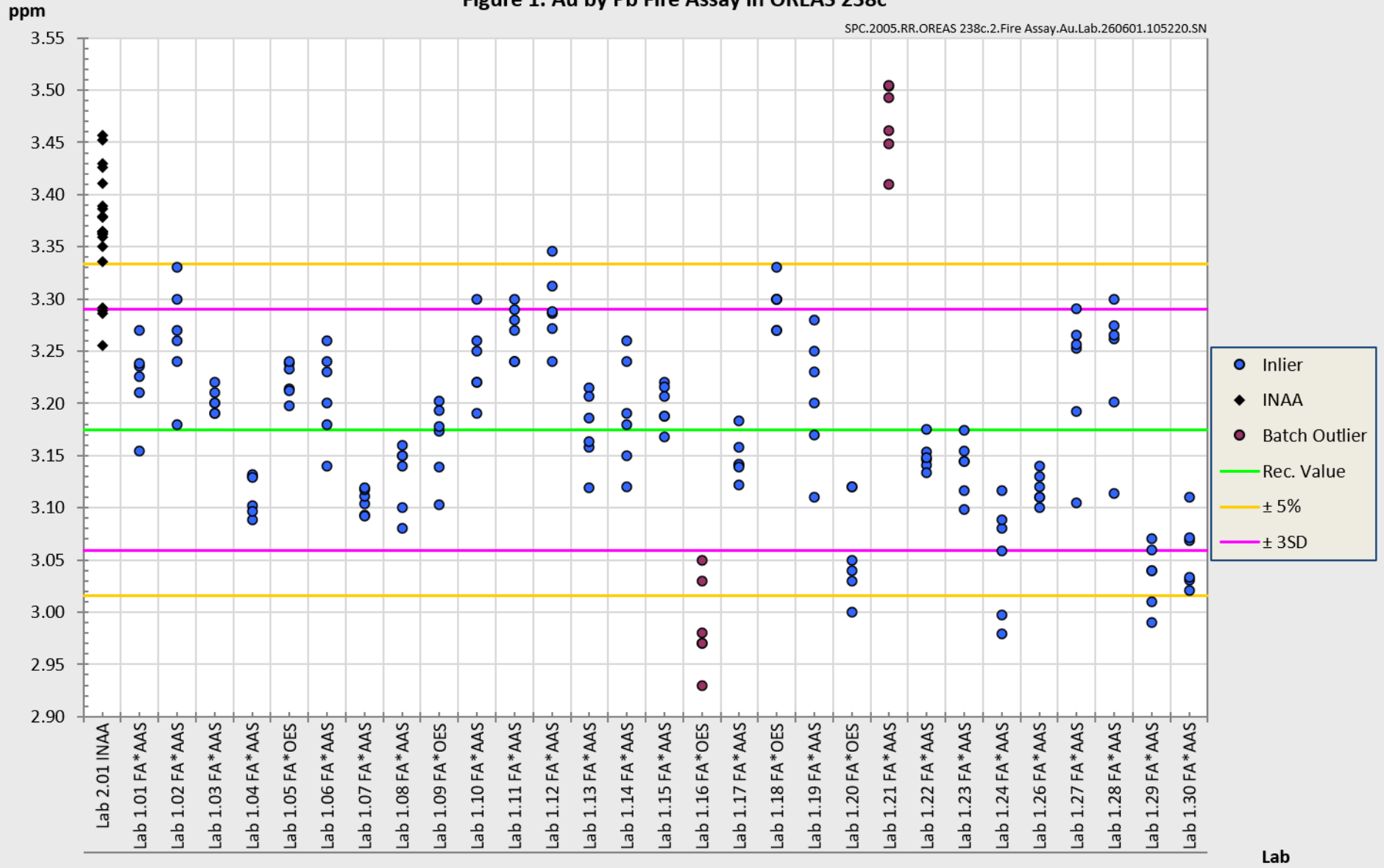


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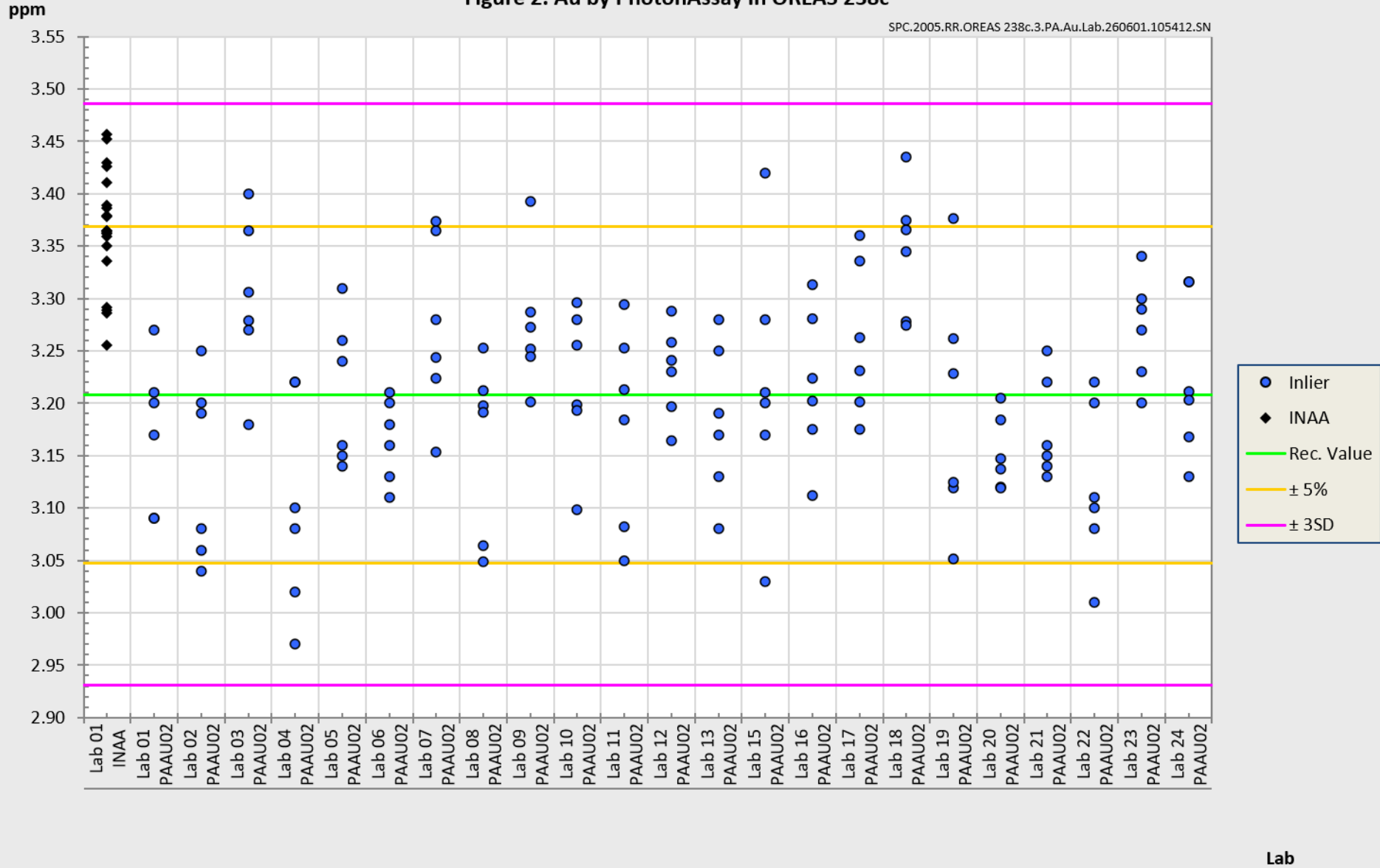


Figure 3. Au by Aqua Regia Digestion (sample weights 10-50g) in OREAS 238c

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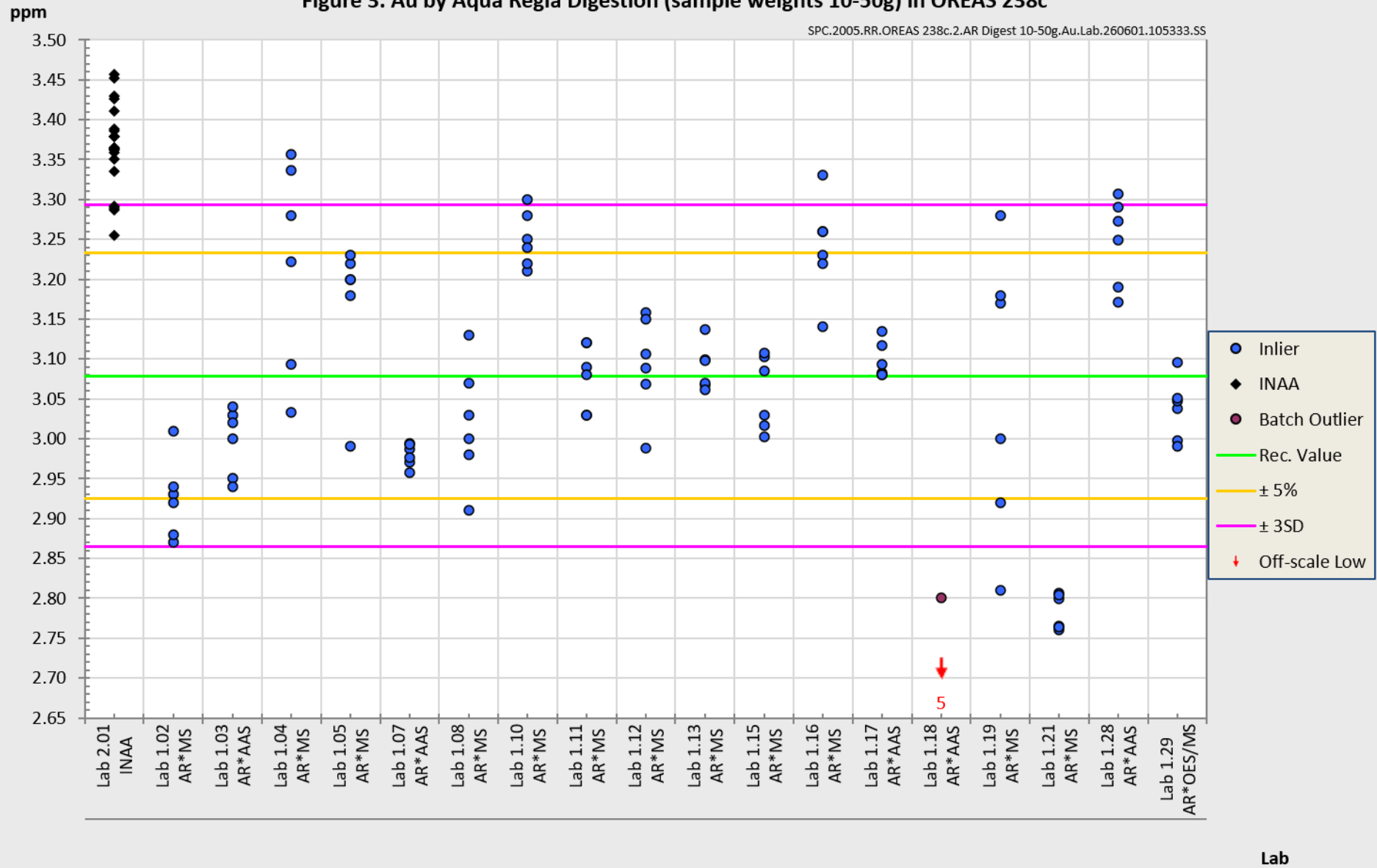
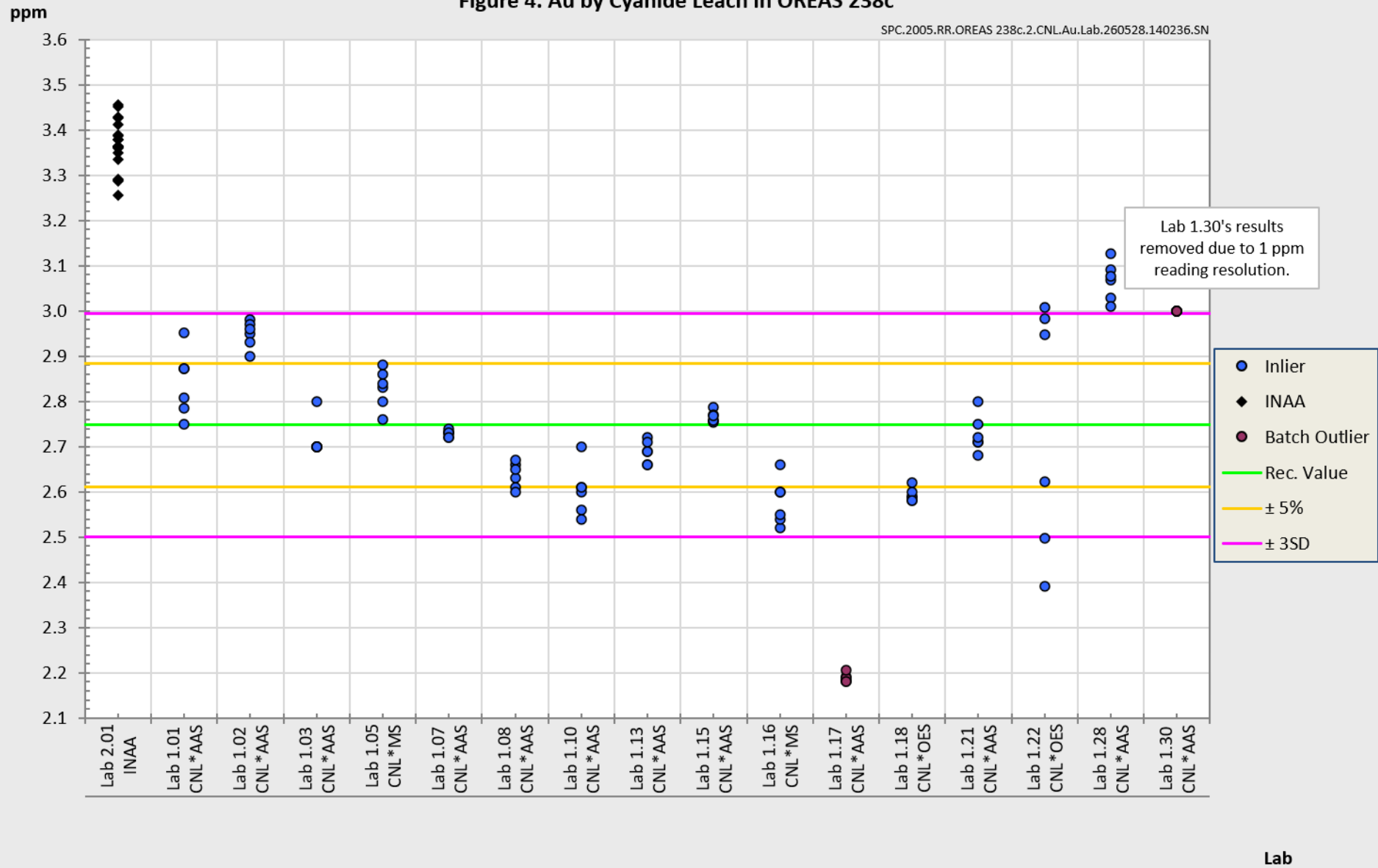


Figure 4. Au by Cyanide Leach in OREAS 238c

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