

# **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR**

# SOIL LITHOGEOCHEM / BLANK REFERENCE MATERIAL OREAS 25a

# Summary Statistics for Key Analytes (see Tables 1 to 5 for additional certified values).

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	ence Limits	95% Tolerance Limits		
Constituent	Value	130	Low	High	Low	High	
Pb Fire Assay							
Gold, Au (ppb)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	
4-Acid Digestion							
Copper, Cu (ppm)	33.9	2.29	32.3	35.5	32.2	35.6	
Lead, Pb (ppm)	25.2	1.87	23.8	26.6	23.7	26.8	
Molybdenum, Mo (ppm)	2.55	0.158	2.41	2.69	2.40	2.70	
Nickel, Ni (ppm)	45.8	4.05	43.0	48.7	43.8	47.9	
Uranium, U (ppm)	2.94	0.088	2.92	2.96	2.79	3.09	
Zinc, Zn (ppm)	44.4	2.60	42.9	45.9	42.2	46.6	

Table 1. Fusion XRF - Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 25a.

Constituent (wt 9/)	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolerance Limits	
Constituent (wt.%)	Value	130	Low	High	Low	High
Fusion XRF						
Aluminium Oxide, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.24	0.304	18.01	18.47	18.12	18.36
Calcium Oxide, CaO	0.438	0.007	0.433	0.442	0.434	0.442
Iron(III) Oxide, Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.77	0.144	9.66	9.88	9.71	9.84
Manganese Oxide, MnO	0.063	0.004	0.061	0.065	IND	IND
Phosphorus Oxide, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.117	0.006	0.113	0.122	0.115	0.119
Potassium Oxide, K <sub>2</sub> O	0.599	0.007	0.593	0.604	0.590	0.607
Silicon Dioxide, SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.7	0.84	56.0	57.3	56.4	56.9
Sodium Oxide, Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.191	0.008	0.185	0.196	IND	IND
Titanium Oxide, TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.93	0.051	1.89	1.97	1.91	1.94

Table 2. Fusion ICP - Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 25a.

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	ance Limits
Constituent	Value	130	Low	High	Low	High
Fusion ICP-OES/MS						
Aluminium, Al (wt.%)	9.25	0.131	9.19	9.31	9.04	9.46
Barium, Ba (ppm)	151	8.0	146	157	148	155
Calcium, Ca (wt.%)	0.302	0.024	0.286	0.318	0.288	0.316
Cerium, Ce (ppm)	51	1.6	50	52	49	52
Cesium, Cs (ppm)	6.36	0.368	6.09	6.62	6.15	6.56
Chromium, Cr (ppm)	125	13	116	134	118	131
Cobalt, Co (ppm)	8.05	0.529	7.62	8.48	7.73	8.37
Dysprosium, Dy (ppm)	4.31	0.189	4.19	4.42	4.12	4.49
Erbium, Er (ppm)	2.76	0.159	2.69	2.84	2.63	2.90
Europium, Eu (ppm)	0.80	0.031	0.78	0.82	0.76	0.84
Gadolinium, Gd (ppm)	3.79	0.222	3.64	3.94	3.61	3.97
Gallium, Ga (ppm)	25.4	1.35	24.4	26.3	24.7	26.0
Hafnium, Hf (ppm)	11.1	0.62	10.7	11.5	10.6	11.6
Holmium, Ho (ppm)	0.92	0.049	0.88	0.96	0.88	0.96
Iron, Fe (wt.%)	6.72	0.161	6.63	6.80	6.60	6.83
Lanthanum, La (ppm)	23.3	1.11	22.6	24.0	22.3	24.2
Lutetium, Lu (ppm)	0.45	0.038	0.42	0.48	0.42	0.48
Magnesium, Mg (wt.%)	0.324	0.011	0.319	0.329	0.311	0.337
Manganese, Mn (wt.%)	0.049	0.003	0.047	0.051	0.048	0.050
Neodymium, Nd (ppm)	20.0	0.64	19.6	20.4	19.3	20.7
Niobium, Nb (ppm)	26.5	1.18	25.6	27.3	25.7	27.2
Phosphorus, P (wt.%)	0.049	0.006	0.043	0.055	IND	IND
Potassium, K (wt.%)	0.493	0.023	0.477	0.510	0.480	0.507
Praseodymium, Pr (ppm)	5.33	0.227	5.19	5.48	5.15	5.51
Rubidium, Rb (ppm)	60	2.3	58	61	58	61
Samarium, Sm (ppm)	3.90	0.229	3.77	4.02	3.68	4.12
Scandium, Sc (ppm)	13.5	0.57	12.8	14.2	IND	IND



Table 2 continued.

Constituent	Certified	46D	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	ance Limits
Constituent	Value	1SD	Low	High	Low	High
Fusion ICP-OES/MS						
Silicon, Si (wt.%)	25.85	0.804	25.30	26.41	25.49	26.22
Strontium, Sr (ppm)	49.4	2.47	47.7	51.2	47.5	51.4
Tantalum, Ta (ppm)	1.99	0.123	1.91	2.07	1.87	2.11
Terbium, Tb (ppm)	0.66	0.051	0.63	0.68	0.61	0.70
Thorium, Th (ppm)	16.4	0.81	15.9	17.0	16.0	16.9
Thulium, Tm (ppm)	0.43	0.030	0.42	0.45	0.41	0.46
Tin, Sn (ppm)	4.83	0.92	4.18	5.48	IND	IND
Titanium, Ti (wt.%)	1.14	0.033	1.12	1.16	1.12	1.16
Tungsten, W (ppm)	2.89	0.284	2.73	3.05	IND	IND
Uranium, U (ppm)	3.51	0.119	3.43	3.60	3.42	3.60
Vanadium, V (ppm)	164	9.3	157	170	159	169
Ytterbium, Yb (ppm)	2.89	0.170	2.80	2.97	2.77	3.01
Yttrium, Y (ppm)	25.1	1.50	24.2	26.1	24.2	26.1
Zinc, Zn (ppm)	46.8	5.8	44.0	49.6	IND	IND
Zirconium, Zr (ppm)	398	15.3	387	409	384	411

Table 3. 4-Acid ICP - Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 25a.

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	8.58 9.16 IND IND 141 152 IND IND 0.30 0.40 0.298 0.319 45.9 51.9 6.23 6.69 105 124 7.87 8.53 32.2 35.6		
Constituent	Value	130	Low	High	Low	High		
Four Acid Digestion ICP-O	ES/MS							
Aluminium, Al (wt.%)	8.87	0.425	8.42	9.32	8.58	9.16		
Antimony, Sb (ppm)	0.67	0.048	0.65	0.70	IND	IND		
Barium, Ba (ppm)	147	4.7	145	149	141	152		
Beryllium, Be (ppm)	1.02	0.17	0.87	1.17	IND	IND		
Bismuth, Bi (ppm)	0.35	0.034	0.33	0.37	0.30	0.40		
Calcium, Ca (wt.%)	0.309	0.008	0.301	0.317	0.298	0.319		
Cerium, Ce (ppm)	48.9	2.71	47.0	50.8	45.9	51.9		
Cesium, Cs (ppm)	6.46	0.334	6.15	6.77	6.23	6.69		
Chromium, Cr (ppm)	115	8.1	109	120	105	124		
Cobalt, Co (ppm)	8.20	0.663	7.58	8.82	7.87	8.53		
Copper, Cu (ppm)	33.9	2.29	32.3	35.5	32.2	35.6		
Gallium, Ga (ppm)	25.9	1.77	24.4	27.4	24.7	27.1		
Hafnium, Hf (ppm)	4.53	0.53	4.03	5.04	4.26	4.80		
Iron, Fe (wt.%)	6.60	0.157	6.48	6.71	6.38	6.82		
Lanthanum, La (ppm)	21.8	2.02	20.2	23.5	20.3	23.4		
Lead, Pb (ppm)	25.2	1.87	23.8	26.6	23.7	26.8		
Lithium, Li (ppm)	36.7	1.34	35.8	37.7	35.2	38.3		
Magnesium, Mg (wt.%)	0.327	0.017	0.316	0.339	0.316	0.339		
Manganese, Mn (wt.%)	0.047	0.002	0.046	0.048	0.046	0.049		
Molybdenum, Mo (ppm)	2.55	0.158	2.41	2.69	2.40	2.70		
Nickel, Ni (ppm)	45.8	4.05	43.0	48.7	43.8	47.9		



Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified	400	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	ance Limits
Constituent	Value	1SD	Low	High	Low	High
Four Acid Digestion ICP-O	ES/MS					
Niobium, Nb (ppm)	22.4	1.71	20.9	23.9	20.9	23.9
Phosphorus, P (wt.%)	0.048	0.002	0.046	0.050	0.046	0.050
Potassium, K (wt.%)	0.482	0.014	0.473	0.492	0.465	0.500
Rubidium, Rb (ppm)	61	3.9	58	64	57	64
Scandium, Sc (ppm)	13.7	1.05	12.8	14.7	IND	IND
Sodium, Na (wt.%)	0.134	0.004	0.131	0.136	0.127	0.140
Strontium, Sr (ppm)	48.5	1.99	47.0	49.9	45.9	51.0
Sulphur, S (wt.%)	0.051	0.002	0.049	0.053	IND	IND
Tantalum, Ta (ppm)	1.60	0.134	1.47	1.72	1.44	1.75
Thallium, TI (ppm)	0.35	0.030	0.31	0.39	0.32	0.38
Thorium, Th (ppm)	15.8	0.97	15.1	16.5	14.9	16.8
Tin, Sn (ppm)	4.06	0.196	3.94	4.19	3.82	4.30
Titanium, Ti (wt.%)	0.977	0.059	0.915	1.038	0.945	1.008
Tungsten, W (ppm)	2.10	0.201	1.89	2.30	1.79	2.40
Uranium, U (ppm)	2.94	0.088	2.92	2.96	2.79	3.09
Vanadium, V (ppm)	157	8.3	150	165	152	163
Yttrium, Y (ppm)	12.3	2.1	10.5	14.0	11.5	13.0
Zinc, Zn (ppm)	44.4	2.60	42.9	45.9	42.2	46.6

Table 4. Aqua Regia ICP - Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 25a.

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	ance Limits
Constituent	Value	עפו	Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion ICP-	-OES/MS					
Aluminium, Al (wt.%)	5.85	0.78	5.16	6.54	5.69	6.00
Barium, Ba (ppm)	56	7	49	62	54	58
Bismuth, Bi (ppm)	0.30	0.025	0.28	0.33	IND	IND
Calcium, Ca (wt.%)	0.150	0.014	0.138	0.162	IND	IND
Cerium, Ce (ppm)	33.1	5.3	27.1	39.0	31.6	34.5
Cesium, Cs (ppm)	4.45	0.86	3.48	5.41	4.34	4.55
Chromium, Cr (ppm)	73	5.2	68	78	69	76
Cobalt, Co (ppm)	5.72	0.69	5.17	6.26	5.48	5.96
Copper, Cu (ppm)	24.9	2.8	22.6	27.2	23.1	26.6
Gallium, Ga (ppm)	20.6	2.6	18.5	22.7	19.8	21.4
Iron, Fe (wt.%)	5.99	0.459	5.60	6.38	5.81	6.17
Lead, Pb (ppm)	21.0	2.01	19.5	22.6	19.8	22.3
Manganese, Mn (wt.%)	0.042	0.003	0.040	0.045	0.041	0.044
Nickel, Ni (ppm)	26.9	3.4	23.8	29.9	25.7	28.0
Phosphorus, P (wt.%)	0.037	0.004	0.034	0.041	0.036	0.039
Potassium, K (wt.%)	0.131	0.009	0.123	0.139	IND	IND
Scandium, Sc (ppm)	8.64	0.799	7.97	9.32	8.28	9.01
Strontium, Sr (ppm)	17.3	1.18	16.4	18.3	16.5	18.1



Table 4 continued.

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	Tolerance Limits	
Constituent	Value	130	Low	High	High Low		
Aqua Regia Digestion ICP-OES/MS							
Thallium, TI (ppm)	0.20	0.02	0.17	0.23	IND	IND	
Thorium, Th (ppm)	10.7	0.97	9.8	11.6	9.9	11.5	
Tin, Sn (ppm)	2.70	0.27	2.42	2.99	2.52	2.89	
Uranium, U (ppm)	1.49	0.18	1.29	1.69	1.38	1.59	
Vanadium, V (ppm)	117	10.9	107	127	114	120	
Yttrium, Y (ppm)	4.56	0.74	3.74	5.38	4.31	4.81	
Zinc, Zn (ppm)	30.1	3.4	27.1	33.0	28.4	31.7	

Table 5. Miscellaneous - Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 25a.

Constituent	Certified	1SD	95% Confid	dence Limits	95% Tolera	95% Tolerance Limits		
Constituent	Value	130	Low	High	Low	High		
Fire Assay								
Gold, Au (ppb)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND		
Palladium, Pd (ppb)	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND		
Platinum, Pt (ppb)	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND		
IR Combustion Furnace								
Carbon, C (wt.%)	1.56	0.078	1.50	1.62	1.54	1.58		
Sulphur, S (wt.%)	0.044	0.007	0.040	0.048	IND	IND		
Thermogravimetry								
Loss On Ignition, LOI (wt.%)	11.70	1.49	10.59	12.81	11.62	11.78		

Table 6. Indicative Values for OREAS 25a.

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Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
Fusion XRF				•			•	
BaO	ppm	151	MgO	wt.%	0.579	V2O5	ppm	269
CI	ppm	< 10	Ni	ppm	31.2	Zn	ppm	46.7
Co	ppm	10.0	S	wt.%	0.052	Zr	ppm	135
Cr2O3	ppm	167	Sr	ppm	56			
Fusion ICP-OES/M	S							
Ag	ppm	0.570	Ge	ppm	2.02	Re	ppm	< 0.1
As	ppm	9.83	In	ppm	< 0.2	S	wt.%	0.046
В	ppm	39.2	Li	ppm	35.1	Sb	ppm	1.02
Be	ppm	0.94	Мо	ppm	2.99	Te	ppm	< 5
Bi	ppm	0.40	Na	wt.%	0.126	TI	ppm	0.30
Cd	ppm	< 2	Ni	ppm	55			
Cu	ppm	39.1	Pb	ppm	24.4			
Four Acid Digestio	n ICP-C	ES/MS						
Ag	ppm	0.168	Ge	ppm	0.22	Sm	ppm	3.41
As	ppm	9.94	Но	ppm	0.46	Tb	ppm	0.41



Table 6 continued.

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
Four Acid Digestion	n ICP-C	ES/MS						
Cd	ppm	0.041	In	ppm	0.091	Те	ppm	0.10
Dy	ppm	2.67	Lu	ppm	0.23	Tm	ppm	0.30
Er	ppm	1.50	Nd	ppm	17.0	Yb	ppm	1.48
Eu	ppm	0.64	Pr	ppm	4.71	Zr	ppm	159
Gd	ppm	2.91	Se	ppm	2.86			
Aqua Regia Digesti	on ICP	-OES/MS						
Ag	ppm	0.035	Но	ppm	0.20	Rb	ppm	31.4
As	ppm	2.84	In	ppm	0.081	Re	ppm	< 0.05
Au	ppb	1	La	ppm	13.0	S	wt.%	0.050
В	ppm	5.92	Li	ppm	23.7	Sb	ppm	0.18
Ве	ppm	0.65	Lu	ppm	0.057	Se	ppm	0.87
Cd	ppm	0.041	Mg	wt.%	0.193	Sm	ppm	2.26
Dy	ppm	1.15	Мо	ppm	1.36	Та	ppm	0.099
Er	ppm	0.50	Na	wt.%	0.040	Tb	ppm	0.24
Eu	ppm	0.43	Nb	ppm	0.52	Te	ppm	< 0.02
Gd	ppm	1.74	Nd	ppm	11.7	Ti	wt.%	0.036
Ge	ppm	0.13	Pd	ppm	< 0.01	Tm	ppm	0.062
Hf	ppm	0.47	Pr	ppm	3.35	Yb	ppm	0.41
Hg	ppm	0.053	Pt	ppm	0.004	Zr	ppm	19.0

#### INTRODUCTION

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

#### SOURCE MATERIALS

Reference material OREAS 25a was sourced from an in situ layer of mature soil developed over early tertiary tholeiitic basalt in outer eastern Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

# COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 25a was prepared in the following manner:

- drying to constant mass at 105°C;
- crushing and multi stage milling;



- homogenisation;
- packaging in 10g and 60g units into laminated foil pouches and in 1kg units into plastic jars.

# **ANALYTICAL PROGRAM**

Ten commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to characterise the elements reported in Tables 1 to 6. The following methods were employed:

- Lithium borate fusion for full suite X-ray fluorescence (9 laboratories)
- Sodium peroxide fusion or lithium borate fusion for full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS (10 laboratories)
- Four acid digestion for full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS (9 laboratories)
- Aqua regia digestion for full suite ICP-OES and ICP-MS (9 laboratories)
- Fire assay with ICP-OES and ICP-MS for Au, Pd and Pt (9 laboratories)
- Infra-red combustion furnace for C and S (9 laboratories)
- Thermogravimetry for LOI (10 laboratories)

For the round robin program eleven 700g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following final blending, and are considered representative of the entire batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 110g scoop splits from each of three separate 700g test units. This format enabled nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity.

Tabulated results, together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and percent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are available upon request for this CRM (**OREAS 25a Datapack.xlsx**).

#### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Certified Values, Standard Deviations, Confidence and Tolerance Limits have been determined for each analytical method following removal of individual and laboratory outliers (see Tables 1-5). Certified Values are the mean of means after outlier filtering. The 95% Confidence Limit is a measure of the reliability of the certified value, i.e. the narrower the Confidence Interval the greater the certainty in the Certified Value. It should not be used as a control limit for laboratory performance.

Indicative values (Table 6) are provided where i) the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient (< 5) to support certification; ii) interlaboratory consensus is poor; or iii) a significant proportion of results are outlying or reported as less than detection limits.

**Standard Deviation** values (1SDs) are reported in Tables 1-5 and provide an indication of a level of performance that might reasonably be expected from a laboratory being monitored by this CRM in a QA/QC program. They take into account errors attributable to measurement uncertainty and CRM variability. For an effective CRM the contribution of the



latter should be negligible in comparison to measurement errors. The Standard Deviation values include all sources of measurement uncertainty: between-lab variance, within-run variance (precision errors) and CRM variability. The SD for each analyte's certified value is calculated from the same filtered data set used to determine the certified value, i.e. after removal of all individual, lab dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). These outliers can only be removed after the absolute homogeneity of the CRM has been independently established, i.e. the outliers must be confidently deemed to be analytical rather than arising from inhomogeneity of the CRM. The standard deviation is then calculated for each analyte from the pooled accepted analyses generated from the certification program.

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

**Tolerance Limits** (ISO Guide 3207) were determined using an analysis of precision errors method and are considered a conservative estimate of true homogeneity. The meaning of tolerance limits may be illustrated for copper by 4-acid digestion, where 99% of the time (1- $\alpha$ =0.99) at least 95% of subsamples ( $\rho$ =0.95) will have concentrations lying between 32.2 and 35.6 ppm. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99% of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95% of the total population, and 1% of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95% of the total population (ISO Guide 35).

The homogeneity of OREAS 25a has also been evaluated in an ANOVA study for all certified analytes. This study indicates no evidence that between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the interlaboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 25a is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

# PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

- 1. Acme Analytical Laboratories, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2. Activation Laboratories, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada
- 3. ALS, Brisbane, QLD, Australia
- 4. ALS, Callao, Lima, Peru
- 5. ALS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 6. BV Amdel, Adelaide, SA, Australia
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It is available in unit sizes of 10g, 60g (single-use laminated foil pouches) and 1kg (plastic jars).

#### **INTENDED USE**

OREAS 25a is intended for the following uses:

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

#### STABILITY AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

OREAS 25a was sourced from an in situ layer of mature soil developed over early tertiary tholeiitic basalt in outer eastern Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. In its unopened state and under normal conditions of storage it has a shelf life beyond ten years. Its stability will be monitored at regular intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THE REFERENCE MATERIAL

The certified values for lithium borate fusion XRF and for LOI are on a dry basis whilst all other certified values are reported on an "as received" basis.

# HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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

#### **TRACEABILITY**

The analytical samples were selected in a manner to represent the entire batch of prepared CRM. This 'representivity' was maintained in each submitted laboratory sample batch and ensures the user that the data is traceable from sample selection through to the



analytical results that underlie the consensus values. Each analytical data set has been validated by its assayer through the inclusion of internal reference materials and QC checks during analysis. The laboratories were chosen on the basis of their competence (from past performance in inter-laboratory programs) for a particular analytical method, analyte or analyte suite, and sample matrix. Most of these laboratories have and maintain ISO 17025 accreditation. The certified values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust statistical treatment as detailed in this report.

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