

**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR**

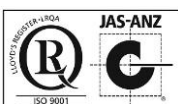
**Zn-Pb-Ag REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**OREAS 131a**

**Summary Statistics for Key Analytes (see Table 1 for additional certified values).**

Constituent (ppm)	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	30.9	1.29	30.2	31.5	29.9	31.8
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	1.72	0.049	1.69	1.75	1.69	1.74
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	2.83	0.080	2.79	2.88	2.77	2.89

Please note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.



**Table 1. Certified Values, SD's, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 131a.**

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
<b>Fusion ICP*</b>						
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	8.80	0.208	8.66	8.93	8.66	8.93
As, Arsenic (ppm)	91	7.5	83	98	79	102
Ba, Barium (ppm)	851	87	777	925	831	871
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	7.81	0.281	7.58	8.04	7.69	7.92
Cu, Copper (ppm)	324	27	301	347	310	338
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.90	0.302	5.64	6.15	5.82	5.97
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	5.39	0.216	5.23	5.56	5.29	5.50
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	1.74	0.064	1.70	1.79	1.70	1.79
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	4.82	0.325	4.49	5.14	4.59	5.04
SiO <sub>2</sub> , Silicon dioxide (wt.%)	44.61	2.639	42.36	46.86	44.12	45.10
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	2.84	0.120	2.74	2.94	2.79	2.89
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	30.9	1.29	30.2	31.5	29.9	31.8
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	8.75	0.221	8.65	8.86	8.61	8.89
As, Arsenic (ppm)	82	6.9	78	86	80	85
Ba, Barium (ppm)	728	109	638	817	698	758
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	7.57	0.541	7.22	7.91	7.42	7.72
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	81	5.5	78	85	80	83
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	23.1	3.7	21.1	25.1	21.2	25.0
Cu, Copper (ppm)	322	17	312	331	315	328
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.88	0.285	5.73	6.04	5.73	6.04
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	5.17	0.297	5.00	5.34	5.07	5.27
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	1.72	0.049	1.69	1.75	1.69	1.74
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	4.80	0.250	4.61	5.00	4.65	4.95
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	47.0	5.8	43.6	50.3	44.0	50.0
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	2.83	0.080	2.79	2.88	2.77	2.89
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	29.5	1.67	28.5	30.5	28.5	30.5
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Aluminium(III) oxide (wt.%)	1.85	0.20	1.72	1.99	1.81	1.90
As, Arsenic (ppm)	82	6.7	78	86	79	84
CaO, Calcium oxide (wt.%)	7.34	0.250	7.16	7.51	7.21	7.46
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	81	9	76	87	80	83
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	21.9	1.71	20.8	23.0	21.1	22.6
Cu, Copper (ppm)	329	22	317	342	323	336
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	5.68	0.241	5.53	5.83	5.57	5.79
MgO, Magnesium oxide (wt.%)	4.91	0.224	4.78	5.04	4.82	5.00
Pb, Lead (wt.%)	1.71	0.077	1.66	1.75	1.67	1.75
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	4.73	0.60	4.31	5.16	4.58	4.89
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	40.6	7.0	37.0	44.3	38.3	43.0
Zn, Zinc (wt.%)	2.79	0.155	2.70	2.87	2.74	2.83
<b>Infrared Combustion</b>						
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	4.66	0.163	4.55	4.77	4.57	4.75

\*except for Ba where two laboratories used pressed powder pellet with XRF.  
Please note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

**Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 131a.**

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
<b>Fusion ICP</b>								
Ag	ppm	30.2	LOI <sup>1000</sup>	wt.%	15.41	Sr	ppm	55
Be	ppm	3.80	Mn	ppm	1774	Ti	ppm	1887
Cd	ppm	80	Na	ppm	2270	V	ppm	49.0
Co	ppm	25.2	P	ppm	568	Y	ppm	16.8
Cr	ppm	100	Sb	ppm	49.1	Zr	ppm	93
K	wt.%	3.68	Sc	ppm	7.80			
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>								
B	ppm	3.80	La	ppm	26.0	Sn	ppm	2.30
Be	ppm	2.76	Li	ppm	42.1	Sr	ppm	25.2
Ce	ppm	48.2	Lu	ppb	200	Ta	ppb	420
Cr	ppm	21.1	Mn	ppm	1677	Tb	ppb	500
Cs	ppm	3.12	Mo	ppm	4.78	Te	ppb	860
Dy	ppm	2.08	Na	ppm	1450	Th	ppm	8.63
Er	ppm	1.38	Nb	ppm	6.58	Ti	ppm	1640
Eu	ppb	860	Nd	ppm	22.6	Tl	ppm	41.8
Ga	ppm	19.4	Ni	ppm	27.4	Tm	ppb	220
Gd	ppm	3.60	P	ppm	522	U	ppm	3.34
Ge	ppb	440	Pr	ppm	5.58	V	ppm	48.5
Hf	ppb	2540	Rb	ppm	119	W	ppm	2.36
Hg	ppb	< 1000	Re	ppb	< 1	Y	ppm	13.1
Ho	ppb	540	Sc	ppm	7.50	Yb	ppb	1460
In	ppm	1.16	Se	ppm	2.00	Zr	ppm	91
K	wt.%	3.50	Sm	ppm	4.02			
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>								
Au	ppb	9	K	wt.%	0.672	Sn	ppm	1.04
B	ppm	< 10	La	ppm	25.0	Sr	ppm	25.7
Ba	ppm	< 200	Li	ppm	24.5	Ta	ppb	< 50
Be	ppm	1.30	Lu	ppb	120	Tb	ppb	400
Ce	ppm	45.0	Mn	ppm	1888	Te	ppb	88
Cr	ppm	15.6	Mo	ppm	4.48	Th	ppm	6.48
Cs	ppm	1.79	Na	ppm	280	Ti	ppm	212
Dy	ppm	2.06	Nb	ppm	0.070	Tl	ppm	25.8
Er	ppm	1.04	Nd	ppm	18.7	Tm	ppb	120
Eu	ppb	680	Ni	ppm	27.5	U	ppm	2.16
Ga	ppm	4.65	P	ppm	510	V	ppm	11.2
Gd	ppm	2.86	Pr	ppm	5.00	W	ppm	1.07
Ge	ppb	140	Rb	ppm	52	Y	ppm	10.3
Hf	ppb	680	Re	ppb	3	Yb	ppb	980
Hg	ppb	734	Sc	ppm	2.80	Zr	ppm	30.2
Ho	ppb	400	Se	ppm	1.76			
In	ppm	1.05	Sm	ppm	3.42			

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.

## 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

OREAS 131a is one of eight 'pigeon paired' CRM's prepared from zinc-lead mineralised material from Xstrata's Black Star and George Fisher orebodies located in Mt Isa in NW Queensland, Australia. OREAS 131a contains a 8.8% and 6.9% lower relative offset in Pb and Zn grades respectively, to OREAS 131b. The orebodies are sediment hosted 'SEDEX' Zn-Pb-Ag deposits located within the Urquart Shale Formation of the Mount Isa Group, a weakly metamorphosed, 5 km thick sequence composed predominantly of Mesoproterozoic carbonate siltstones, mudstones and shales. The Urquart Shale consists of a sequence of alternating pyrite-rich dolomitic siltstone and shale beds up to 1000 metres thick and was deposited in a lacustrine setting within an intracratonic rift basin. The orebodies lie within the upper 650m and are bounded by the Mount Isa fault on the west and by volcanic greenstones to the east. Comprising galena and sphalerite with pyrite and pyrrhotite, the lead-zinc-silver orebodies are concordant with carbonaceous dolomitic sediments and interfinger with the silica-dolomitic mass hosting copper. The CRM OREAS 131a was prepared from a blend of Black Star waste rock, Black Star ore and George Fisher ore.

## COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 131a was prepared in the following manner:

- drying to constant mass at 65°C;
- crushing and milling to 100% minus 30 microns;
- homogenisation and bagging into 20kg lots;
- packaging into 10g units sealed under nitrogen in laminated foil pouches.

## ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Fifteen commercial laboratories participated in the analytical program to certify Ag, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, As, Ba, CaO, Cd, Co, Cu, Fe, MgO, Pb, S, Sb, SiO<sub>2</sub> and Zn by a range of analytical methods. Tabulated results of all elements together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and per cent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**OREAS 131a DataPack.xlsx**).

The intent of the certification program was to characterise the analytes by:

- fusion methods - sodium peroxide fusion or lithium borate fusion with ICP (except for Ba where two laboratories used pressed powder pellet with XRF);

- four acid (HF-HCl-HNO<sub>3</sub>-HClO<sub>4</sub>) digest with ICP or AAS;
- aqua regia digest with ICP or AAS;
- Leco for sulphur only.

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

For the round robin program a batch of five 25g vacuum-packed pulp samples was submitted to each of the participating laboratories for analysis. The five samples comprising each batch were scoop-split from a random selection of five of ten or more 400g master samples. The latter were taken at regular intervals during the bagging stage and immediately following homogenisation. Table 1 presents the 39 certified values together with their associated 1SD's, 95% confidence and tolerance limits and Table 2 shows 113 indicative values. Table 3 provides performance gate intervals for the certified values of each method group based on their pooled 1SD's.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

**Certified Values, Confidence Limits, Standard Deviations and Tolerance Limits** (Table 1) have been determined for each analyte following removal of individual, laboratory dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers (single iteration). For individual outliers within a laboratory batch the z-score test is used in combination with a second method that determines the per cent deviation of the individual value from the batch median. Outliers in general are selected on the basis of z-scores > 2.5 and with per cent deviations (i) > 3 and (ii) more than three times the average absolute per cent deviation for the batch. In certain instances statistician's prerogative has been employed in discriminating outliers. Each laboratory data set mean is tested for outlying status based on z-score discrimination and rejected if >2.5. After individual and laboratory data set (batch) outliers have been eliminated a non-iterative 3 standard deviation filter is applied, with those values lying outside this window also relegated to outlying status.

**Certified Values** are the means of accepted laboratory means after outlier filtering. Indicative (uncertified) values (Table 2) are provided where i) the number of laboratories reporting a particular analyte is insufficient (< 5) to support certification; ii) inter-laboratory consensus is poor; or iii) a significant proportion of results are outlying.

**95% Confidence Limits** are inversely proportional to the number of participating laboratories and inter-laboratory agreement. It is a measure of the reliability of the certified value. A 95% confidence interval indicates a 95% probability that the true value of the

analyte under consideration lies between the upper and lower limits. *95% Confidence Limits should not be used as control limits for laboratory performance.*

**Standard Deviation** values (1SDs) are reported in Table 1 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. The SD values include all sources of measurement uncertainty: between-lab variance, within-run variance (precision errors) and CRM variability. For an effective CRM the contribution of the latter should be negligible in comparison to measurement errors. OREAS reference materials have a level of homogeneity such that the observed variance from repeated analysis has its origin almost exclusively in the analytical process rather than the reference material itself.

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 any 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.**

In the application of SD's in monitoring performance it is important to note that not all laboratories function at the same level of proficiency and that different methods in use at a particular laboratory have differing levels of precision. Each laboratory has its own inherent SD (for a specific concentration level and analyte-method pair) based on the analytical process and this SD is not directly related to the round robin program.

The majority of data generated in the round robin program was produced by a selection of world class laboratories. The SD's thus generated are more constrained than those that would be produced across a randomly selected group of laboratories. To produce more generally achievable SD's the 'pooled' SD's provided in this report include inter-lab 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.

Table 3 shows **Performance Gates** calculated for two and three standard deviations. As a guide these intervals may be regarded as warning or rejection for multiple 2SD outliers, or rejection for individual 3SD outliers in QC monitoring, although their precise application should be at the discretion of the QC manager concerned. A second method utilises a 5% window calculated directly from the certified value. Standard deviation is also shown in relative per cent 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.

**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 Zn 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 2.77 and 2.89 wt.%. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99% of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95% of the total population, and 1% of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95% of the total population (ISO Guide 35).



**Table 3. Performance Gates for OREAS 131a.**

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>Fusion ICP*</b>											
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	8.80	0.208	8.38	9.21	8.17	9.42	2.36%	4.73%	7.09%	8.36	9.23
As, ppm	91	7.5	76	106	68	113	8.29%	16.58%	24.87%	86	95
Ba, ppm	851	87	676	1025	589	1113	10.25%	20.51%	30.76%	808	893
CaO, wt.%	7.81	0.281	7.24	8.37	6.96	8.65	3.60%	7.20%	10.80%	7.42	8.20
Cu, ppm	324	27	269	378	242	406	8.43%	16.86%	25.29%	308	340
Fe, wt.%	5.90	0.302	5.29	6.50	4.99	6.80	5.11%	10.23%	15.34%	5.60	6.19
MgO, wt.%	5.39	0.216	4.96	5.83	4.75	6.04	4.00%	8.00%	11.99%	5.12	5.66
Pb, wt.%	1.74	0.064	1.62	1.87	1.55	1.94	3.64%	7.28%	10.93%	1.66	1.83
S, wt.%	4.82	0.325	4.17	5.47	3.84	5.79	6.76%	13.51%	20.27%	4.58	5.06
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt.%	44.61	2.639	39.33	49.89	36.70	52.53	5.91%	11.83%	17.74%	42.38	46.84
Zn, wt.%	2.84	0.120	2.60	3.08	2.48	3.20	4.24%	8.47%	12.71%	2.70	2.98
<b>4-Acid Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	30.9	1.29	28.3	33.4	27.0	34.7	4.18%	8.36%	12.54%	29.3	32.4
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	8.75	0.221	8.31	9.20	8.09	9.42	2.53%	5.05%	7.58%	8.32	9.19
As, ppm	82	6.9	68	96	61	103	8.42%	16.84%	25.26%	78	86
Ba, ppm	728	109	509	947	400	1056	15.02%	30.04%	45.07%	691	764
CaO, wt.%	7.57	0.541	6.48	8.65	5.94	9.19	7.15%	14.29%	21.44%	7.19	7.94
Cd, ppm	81	5.5	70	92	65	98	6.75%	13.50%	20.25%	77	85
Co, ppm	23.1	3.7	15.8	30.5	12.1	34.2	15.92%	31.85%	47.77%	22.0	24.3
Cu, ppm	322	17	287	356	270	374	5.39%	10.78%	16.17%	306	338
Fe, wt.%	5.88	0.285	5.32	6.45	5.03	6.74	4.84%	9.68%	14.52%	5.59	6.18
MgO, wt.%	5.17	0.297	4.58	5.76	4.28	6.06	5.74%	11.48%	17.22%	4.91	5.43
Pb, wt.%	1.72	0.049	1.62	1.81	1.57	1.86	2.88%	5.76%	8.64%	1.63	1.80
S, wt.%	4.80	0.250	4.30	5.30	4.05	5.55	5.20%	10.41%	15.61%	4.56	5.04
Sb, ppm	47.0	5.8	35.4	58.6	29.6	64.4	12.34%	24.68%	37.02%	44.6	49.3
Zn, wt.%	2.83	0.080	2.67	2.99	2.59	3.07	2.84%	5.67%	8.51%	2.69	2.97
<b>Aqua Regia Digestion</b>											
Ag, ppm	29.5	1.67	26.2	32.9	24.5	34.5	5.66%	11.31%	16.97%	28.0	31.0
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt.%	1.85	0.20	1.45	2.25	1.25	2.46	10.87%	21.74%	32.61%	1.76	1.94
As, ppm	82	6.7	68	95	61	102	8.26%	16.52%	24.78%	78	86
CaO, wt.%	7.34	0.250	6.84	7.84	6.59	8.09	3.41%	6.82%	10.24%	6.97	7.70
Cd, ppm	81	9	64	99	55	108	11.01%	22.02%	33.03%	77	86
Co, ppm	21.9	1.71	18.5	25.3	16.8	27.0	7.80%	15.61%	23.41%	20.8	23.0
Cu, ppm	329	22	286	373	264	395	6.66%	13.31%	19.97%	313	346
Fe, wt.%	5.68	0.241	5.20	6.16	4.96	6.40	4.24%	8.48%	12.72%	5.39	5.96
MgO, wt.%	4.91	0.224	4.46	5.36	4.24	5.58	4.56%	9.12%	13.67%	4.66	5.15
Pb, wt.%	1.71	0.077	1.55	1.86	1.48	1.94	4.51%	9.01%	13.52%	1.62	1.79
S, wt.%	4.73	0.60	3.54	5.93	2.94	6.53	12.63%	25.25%	37.88%	4.50	4.97
Sb, ppm	40.6	7.0	26.7	54.6	19.7	61.6	17.15%	34.30%	51.45%	38.6	42.7
Zn, wt.%	2.79	0.155	2.48	3.10	2.32	3.25	5.55%	11.10%	16.65%	2.65	2.93
<b>Infrared Combustion</b>											
S, wt.%	4.66	0.163	4.33	4.99	4.17	5.15	3.50%	7.01%	10.51%	4.43	4.89

\*except for Ba where two laboratories used pressed powder pellet with XRF.

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the inter-laboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 131a is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

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It is available in 10g units sealed under nitrogen in laminated foil pouches.

## **INTENDED USE**

OREAS 131a 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 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.



## STABILITY AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

OREAS 131a has been prepared from a blend of sulphide-bearing Black Star waste, Black Star ore and George Fisher ore. To prolong its shelf life it has been packaged under nitrogen in robust foil laminate pouches. It is considered to have long-term stability under normal storage conditions. Its stability will be monitored at regular intervals and purchasers notified if any changes are observed.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CORRECT USE

The certified values for OREAS 131a refer to the concentration level in its packaged state. It should not be dried prior to weighing and analysis.

## 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 and non-certified (indicative) values presented in this report are calculated from the means of accepted data following robust statistical treatment as detailed in this report.

## QMS ACCREDITED

ORE Pty Ltd is accredited to ISO 9001:2008 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd for its quality management system including development, manufacturing, certification and supply of CRMs.



## 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.

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Reasons: i) The Standard Deviations (SD's) were revised to bring them into line with the method used for all other OREAS CRMs (pooled SD method). The original certification used a different method (involving standardising the laboratory means) that generated SD's that were overly constrained for practical use; ii) Indicative values have been added (see Table 2).

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