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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR

COPPER ORE REFERENCE MATERIAL

OREAS 925

Table 1. Certified Values, SDs, 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits for OREAS 925

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	2.36	0.26	2.26	2.46	2.02	2.70
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	7.32	0.373	7.16	7.47	7.13	7.50
As, Arsenic (ppm)	9.60	0.874	9.32	9.88	9.04	10.16
Ba, Barium (ppm)	425	23.2	413	437	413	437
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	2.32	0.220	2.23	2.41	2.18	2.47
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	31.3	2.51	30.6	32.0	29.1	33.6
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.458	0.022	0.448	0.468	0.441	0.474
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	0.54	0.049	0.52	0.57	0.52	0.57
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	82	4.1	80	84	79	85
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	24.6	1.54	23.9	25.2	23.7	25.4
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	70	8	66	74	65	75
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	6.50	0.462	6.25	6.75	6.33	6.67
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.615	0.021	0.607	0.623	0.595	0.635
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	4.82	0.162	4.67	4.97	4.65	4.99
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.70	0.124	2.61	2.80	2.61	2.80
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.28	0.053	1.25	1.32	1.25	1.32
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	6.86	0.437	6.65	7.08	6.71	7.02
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	20.3	1.00	19.8	20.8	19.7	20.9
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	5.58	0.295	5.37	5.79	5.34	5.82
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	3.15	0.192	3.05	3.26	3.08	3.23
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	0.93	0.038	0.90	0.95	0.88	0.98
In, Indium (ppm)	0.67	0.052	0.65	0.70	0.64	0.70
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.47	0.124	2.41	2.52	2.39	2.54
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	41.3	1.66	40.5	42.1	40.0	42.6
Li, Lithium (ppm)	32.3	1.88	31.3	33.3	31.2	33.4
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.38	0.022	0.36	0.39	0.36	0.40
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.79	0.084	1.75	1.83	1.75	1.83
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.099	0.004	0.097	0.101	0.097	0.102

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion continued						
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	0.99	0.069	0.97	1.02	0.89	1.10
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	0.286	0.017	0.277	0.294	0.277	0.295
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	13.3	0.68	12.9	13.6	13.0	13.6
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	34.8	1.42	33.8	35.8	33.8	35.8
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	34.8	2.59	33.6	36.0	33.5	36.1
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.062	0.003	0.061	0.064	0.060	0.064
Pb, Lead (ppm)	110	6.8	107	113	106	114
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	9.36	0.333	9.11	9.62	9.11	9.61
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	163	11.7	157	169	157	169
Re, Rhenium (ppb)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.962	0.051	0.939	0.985	0.931	0.993
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	1.36	0.088	1.33	1.39	1.29	1.43
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	13.1	1.09	12.4	13.7	12.6	13.5
Se, Selenium (ppm)	9.07	1.40	8.41	9.72	7.83	10.30
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	6.51	0.353	6.25	6.76	6.34	6.67
Sn, Tin (ppm)	14.9	0.82	14.6	15.2	14.4	15.5
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	36.2	2.02	35.2	37.3	35.1	37.4
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	1.06	0.14	0.97	1.14	1.01	1.10
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.81	0.039	0.79	0.83	0.78	0.84
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	16.0	1.04	15.5	16.5	15.4	16.6
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.391	0.026	0.378	0.404	0.378	0.404
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.87	0.054	0.85	0.90	0.84	0.91
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.39	0.013	0.38	0.40	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	2.94	0.170	2.85	3.03	2.87	3.01
V, Vanadium (ppm)	91	4.7	89	93	88	94
W, Tungsten (ppm)	5.82	0.442	5.69	5.94	5.35	6.28
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	24.6	1.52	23.8	25.4	23.8	25.4
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.43	0.151	2.34	2.52	2.31	2.55
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	446	17.0	437	454	433	458
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	106	6.6	103	110	102	110
Aqua Regia Digestion						
Ag, Silver (ppm)	2.41	0.34	2.27	2.55	2.12	2.70
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	2.85	0.129	2.78	2.92	2.79	2.91
As, Arsenic (ppm)	8.99	0.842	8.66	9.32	8.43	9.54
Au, Gold (ppb)	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
B, Boron (ppm)	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, Barium (ppm)	52	3.3	50	54	50	54
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	0.57	0.08	0.53	0.62	0.52	0.62
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	32.4	3.3	31.0	33.8	28.9	35.9
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.315	0.020	0.303	0.326	0.300	0.329
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	0.56	0.046	0.54	0.58	0.52	0.59
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	57	8	52	62	55	59

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued						
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	23.8	1.39	23.2	24.5	23.0	24.6
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	38.5	1.79	37.7	39.4	37.3	39.8
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	1.49	0.28	1.33	1.65	1.42	1.57
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.629	0.026	0.619	0.639	0.608	0.650
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Er, Erbium (ppm)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Eu, Europium (ppm)	< 1.3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	6.39	0.214	6.28	6.49	6.23	6.54
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	8.18	0.567	7.85	8.52	7.94	8.43
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	< 0.2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	0.63	0.12	0.53	0.72	0.58	0.68
Hg, Mercury (ppm)	< 0.08	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
In, Indium (ppm)	0.60	0.056	0.57	0.63	0.57	0.63
K, Potassium (wt.%)	0.306	0.047	0.281	0.332	0.293	0.319
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	28.7	3.4	26.9	30.5	27.8	29.6
Li, Lithium (ppm)	24.2	1.62	23.3	25.0	23.0	25.3
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	< 0.3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.53	0.085	1.49	1.57	1.49	1.57
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.090	0.004	0.088	0.091	0.087	0.092
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	0.94	0.11	0.89	1.00	0.89	1.00
Na, Sodium (wt.%)	< 0.02	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	< 0.5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	24.5	4.7	20.4	28.7	23.5	25.5
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	31.7	1.52	31.0	32.4	30.7	32.7
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.061	0.003	0.059	0.062	0.058	0.063
Pb, Lead (ppm)	111	6.8	108	114	107	115
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	6.55	1.08	5.47	7.63	6.29	6.81
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	18.9	2.3	17.4	20.4	18.3	19.5
Re, Rhenium (ppb)	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.985	0.051	0.962	1.009	0.947	1.023
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	0.64	0.11	0.57	0.71	0.59	0.68
Sc, Scandium (ppm)	3.28	0.48	2.97	3.59	3.16	3.40
Se, Selenium (ppm)	8.91	0.854	8.54	9.28	8.33	9.50
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	4.49	0.94	3.66	5.31	4.28	4.69
Sn, Tin (ppm)	7.77	0.617	7.40	8.15	7.42	8.13
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	12.6	0.59	12.3	12.9	12.2	12.9
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	< 0.8	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Te, Tellurium (ppm)	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	14.2	0.76	13.7	14.7	13.8	14.6
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	< 0.15	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued						
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.13	0.03	0.12	0.15	IND	IND
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	< 0.4	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	1.82	0.20	1.69	1.95	1.76	1.88
V, Vanadium (ppm)	31.0	3.05	29.4	32.6	29.9	32.1
W, Tungsten (ppm)	2.54	0.48	2.28	2.80	2.32	2.76
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	12.6	2.0	11.4	13.8	12.2	13.0
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	437	16.2	430	445	428	447
Zr, Zirconium (ppm)	21.8	2.10	20.4	23.2	20.4	23.1
Peroxide Fusion ICP						
Al, Aluminium (wt.%)	7.43	0.150	7.34	7.51	7.23	7.62
As, Arsenic (ppm)	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, Barium (ppm)	433	12.2	427	439	418	448
Be, Beryllium (ppm)	< 3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Bi, Bismuth (ppm)	33.6	4.8	31.3	35.8	30.0	37.1
Ca, Calcium (wt.%)	0.500	0.087	0.444	0.556	0.467	0.533
Cd, Cadmium (ppm)	< 0.8	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ce, Cerium (ppm)	83	5.1	79	87	81	85
Co, Cobalt (ppm)	25.4	1.83	24.6	26.2	24.1	26.6
Cr, Chromium (ppm)	84	14	74	94	77	91
Cs, Cesium (ppm)	6.70	0.281	6.49	6.90	6.50	6.89
Cu, Copper (wt.%)	0.621	0.025	0.608	0.634	0.604	0.639
Dy, Dysprosium (ppm)	5.21	0.230	5.05	5.38	5.05	5.38
Er, Erbium (ppm)	2.93	0.186	2.76	3.10	2.83	3.03
Eu, Europium (ppm)	1.34	0.093	1.27	1.41	IND	IND
Fe, Iron (wt.%)	7.26	0.272	7.11	7.41	7.07	7.45
Ga, Gallium (ppm)	20.8	1.51	19.7	21.9	19.7	21.9
Gd, Gadolinium (ppm)	6.13	0.462	5.74	6.51	5.96	6.30
Ge, Germanium (ppm)	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, Hafnium (ppm)	5.22	0.71	4.32	6.12	IND	IND
Ho, Holmium (ppm)	1.08	0.103	0.99	1.16	IND	IND
In, Indium (ppm)	0.73	0.063	0.69	0.77	IND	IND
K, Potassium (wt.%)	2.56	0.101	2.49	2.63	2.45	2.67
La, Lanthanum (ppm)	43.0	4.01	40.8	45.3	41.1	45.0
Li, Lithium (ppm)	30.0	3.5	27.5	32.6	28.7	31.3
Lu, Lutetium (ppm)	0.44	0.05	0.37	0.52	IND	IND
Mg, Magnesium (wt.%)	1.85	0.064	1.81	1.88	1.79	1.90
Mn, Manganese (wt.%)	0.103	0.003	0.101	0.106	0.101	0.106
Mo, Molybdenum (ppm)	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Nb, Niobium (ppm)	14.4	1.15	13.2	15.5	13.8	15.0
Nd, Neodymium (ppm)	36.2	2.46	34.1	38.2	35.2	37.1
Ni, Nickel (ppm)	35.5	4.5	32.8	38.2	34.0	37.0
P, Phosphorus (wt.%)	0.064	0.007	0.059	0.069	0.059	0.070

Table 1 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Limits		95% Tolerance Limits	
			Low	High	Low	High
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued						
Pb, Lead (ppm)	115	15	105	126	106	125
Pr, Praseodymium (ppm)	10.0	0.43	9.7	10.4	9.8	10.2
Rb, Rubidium (ppm)	166	4.6	162	170	163	169
S, Sulphur (wt.%)	0.970	0.027	0.959	0.981	0.913	1.027
Sb, Antimony (ppm)	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Si, Silicon (wt.%)	29.43	0.715	28.62	30.23	28.75	30.10
Sm, Samarium (ppm)	6.71	0.348	6.49	6.93	6.42	7.00
Sn, Tin (ppm)	17.9	2.4	15.6	20.1	16.1	19.7
Sr, Strontium (ppm)	36.6	2.50	34.6	38.7	33.2	40.0
Ta, Tantalum (ppm)	1.21	0.17	1.05	1.38	IND	IND
Tb, Terbium (ppm)	0.92	0.087	0.85	0.99	IND	IND
Th, Thorium (ppm)	16.0	0.99	15.2	16.8	15.8	16.3
Ti, Titanium (wt.%)	0.405	0.022	0.392	0.418	0.393	0.417
Tl, Thallium (ppm)	0.90	0.067	0.85	0.95	IND	IND
Tm, Thulium (ppm)	0.45	0.05	0.40	0.49	IND	IND
U, Uranium (ppm)	3.23	0.190	3.07	3.40	3.15	3.31
V, Vanadium (ppm)	90	5.5	86	94	86	94
W, Tungsten (ppm)	5.76	0.92	4.88	6.63	IND	IND
Y, Yttrium (ppm)	27.7	1.23	26.8	28.7	27.0	28.4
Yb, Ytterbium (ppm)	2.65	0.159	2.52	2.78	2.46	2.84
Zn, Zinc (ppm)	459	25.3	441	477	449	470

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

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 MATERIAL

OREAS 925 is one of a suite of sixteen copper CRMs (OREAS 920 to OREAS 935) prepared from material from the CSA mine located near the town of Cobar in central western New South Wales, Australia. The copper ore body is hosted by the Early Devonian CSA Siltstone, a thinly bedded turbiditic sequence of carbonaceous siltstones and mudstones with minor coarser units. The CSA Siltstone is part of the Cobar Supergroup, consisting of lower syn-rift sediments and upper post-rift sag phase sediments. The mineralisation is structurally controlled and confined to a number of steeply dipping bodies within a major shear zone on the eastern margin of the Early Devonian Cobar Basin. It is characterised by low-grade greenschist alteration and

epigenetic low-grade mineralisation enveloping higher-grade shoots of vein complexes or sub-massive to massive sulphides. The sulphides include chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, pyrite, sphalerite, galena, bornite and cubanite. Iron-rich chlorite and silica are prominent alterations in the siltstone host.

COMMINUTION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material constituting OREAS 925 was prepared in the following manner:

- drying to constant mass at 105°C;
- preliminary blending of copper ores and barren siltstone materials;
- multi-stage milling to approximately 99% less than 75 microns;
- final homogenisation;
- packaging in 10g units in laminated foil pouches.

ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

Twenty two commercial analytical laboratories participated in the program to characterise the analytes reported in Table 1. The following methods were employed for method specific certification:

- Four acid (HCl-HNO_3-HF-$HClO_4$) digestion with ICP-OES, ICP-MS or AAS finish (19 laboratories);
- Aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES, ICP-MS or AAS finish (19 laboratories);
- Peroxide fusion with ICP-OES, ICP-MS or AAS finish (12 laboratories).

For the round robin program ten 300g test units were taken at predetermined intervals during the bagging stage, immediately following final homogenisation, and are considered representative of the entire batch. The six samples received by each laboratory were obtained by taking two 20g scoop splits from each of three separate 300g test units. This format enabled nested ANOVA treatment of the results to evaluate homogeneity, i.e. to ascertain whether between-unit variance is greater than within-unit variance. Table 1 presents the certified values together with their associated 1SD's, 95% confidence and tolerance limits and Table 2 shows indicative values. Table 3 provides performance gate intervals for the certified values of each analytical method group based on their pooled 1SD's. Tabulated results of all elements together with uncorrected means, medians, standard deviations, relative standard deviations and percent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM^3) are presented in the detailed certification data for this CRM (**Datapack for OREAS 925.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 (Table 1). 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 2) 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 results are multimodal.

Table 2. Indicative Values for OREAS 925

Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value	Constituent	Unit	Value
4-Acid Digestion								
B	ppm	*7.67*	Hg	ppm	*< 1*	Ru	ppm	*< 0.1*
Aqua Regia Digestion								
Pd	ppb	*13*	Pt	ppb	*< 5*	Ru	ppb	*< 5*
Infrared Combustion								
S	wt.%	*1.01*						
Peroxide Fusion ICP								
Ag	ppm	*2.25*	Sc	ppm	*11.9*	Zr	ppm	*160*
B	ppm	*22.5*	Se	ppm	*7.30*			
Re	ppm	*< 0.1*	Te	ppm	*< 6*			

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. 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.

Performance Gates (Table 3) are 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 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 between 0.595 and 0.635 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).

The homogeneity of OREAS 925 has also been evaluated in an ANOVA study for all certified analytes. This study tests the null hypothesis that no statistically significant difference exists between the *between-unit variance* and the *within-unit variance* (i.e. p-values <0.05 indicate rejection of the null hypothesis). Of the 177 certified values, no failures were observed indicating no evidence to reject the null hypothesis.

Based on the statistical analysis of the results of the inter-laboratory certification program it can be concluded that OREAS 925 is fit-for-purpose as a certified reference material (see 'Intended Use' below).

PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

Accurassay, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada
Acme, Santiago, Chile
Acme, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Actlabs, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada
Actlabs, Kamloops, BC, Canada
Actlabs, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
ALS, Brisbane, QLD, Australia
ALS, Burnie, TAS, Australia
ALS, Loughrea, County Galway, Ireland
ALS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Amdel (BV), Cardiff, NSW, Australia
Intertek Genalysis, Perth, WA, Australia
Intertek Testing Services, Adelaide, SA, Australia
Intertek Testing Services, Beijing, China
Intertek Testing Services, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia
Intertek Genalysis, Johannesburg, Sth Africa
Intertek Testing Services, Muntinlupa, Philippines
Labtium Oy, Rovaniemi, Finland
MINTEK, Randburg, Sth Africa
PT. Geoservices, Cikarang, Indonesia
SGS, Booysens, Gauteng, South Africa
SGS Didipio, Makati City, Philippines
SGS, Lakefield, Ontario, Canada
SGS Nui Phao, Ha Noi, Vietnam
SGS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
SGS, Vespasiano, MG, Brazil
Shiva Analyticals, Bangalore North, Karnataka, India
Ultra Trace (BV), Perth, WA, Australia

Table 3. Performance Gates for OREAS 925

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
4-Acid Digestion											
Ag, ppm	2.36	0.26	1.84	2.88	1.58	3.14	11.02%	22.03%	33.05%	2.24	2.48
Al, wt.%	7.32	0.373	6.57	8.06	6.20	8.44	5.10%	10.20%	15.30%	6.95	7.68
As, ppm	9.60	0.874	7.85	11.35	6.98	12.22	9.11%	18.21%	27.32%	9.12	10.08
Ba, ppm	425	23	379	471	355	495	5.46%	10.92%	16.39%	404	446
Be, ppm	2.32	0.220	1.88	2.76	1.66	2.98	9.49%	18.99%	28.48%	2.21	2.44
Bi, ppm	31.3	2.51	26.3	36.3	23.8	38.9	8.02%	16.03%	24.05%	29.8	32.9
Ca, wt.%	0.458	0.022	0.414	0.501	0.392	0.523	4.78%	9.56%	14.34%	0.435	0.480
Cd, ppm	0.54	0.049	0.45	0.64	0.40	0.69	9.07%	18.13%	27.20%	0.52	0.57
Ce, ppm	82	4.1	74	90	70	94	4.92%	9.85%	14.77%	78	86
Co, ppm	24.6	1.54	21.5	27.6	20.0	29.2	6.25%	12.51%	18.76%	23.3	25.8
Cr, ppm	70	8	54	87	46	95	11.70%	23.41%	35.11%	67	74
Cs, ppm	6.50	0.462	5.57	7.42	5.11	7.89	7.11%	14.22%	21.33%	6.17	6.82
Cu, wt.%	0.615	0.021	0.573	0.657	0.552	0.678	3.41%	6.81%	10.22%	0.584	0.646
Dy, ppm	4.82	0.162	4.50	5.14	4.33	5.31	3.36%	6.71%	10.07%	4.58	5.06
Er, ppm	2.70	0.124	2.46	2.95	2.33	3.08	4.60%	9.20%	13.80%	2.57	2.84
Eu, ppm	1.28	0.053	1.18	1.39	1.12	1.44	4.13%	8.27%	12.40%	1.22	1.35
Fe, wt.%	6.86	0.437	5.99	7.74	5.55	8.17	6.37%	12.74%	19.10%	6.52	7.21
Ga, ppm	20.3	1.00	18.3	22.3	17.3	23.3	4.94%	9.88%	14.82%	19.3	21.3
Gd, ppm	5.58	0.295	4.99	6.17	4.69	6.47	5.29%	10.59%	15.88%	5.30	5.86
Ge, ppm	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, ppm	3.15	0.192	2.77	3.54	2.58	3.73	6.09%	12.18%	18.26%	3.00	3.31
Ho, ppm	0.93	0.038	0.85	1.00	0.82	1.04	4.04%	8.08%	12.12%	0.88	0.98
In, ppm	0.67	0.052	0.57	0.78	0.52	0.83	7.77%	15.54%	23.31%	0.64	0.71
K, wt.%	2.47	0.124	2.22	2.71	2.09	2.84	5.02%	10.04%	15.06%	2.34	2.59
La, ppm	41.3	1.66	38.0	44.6	36.3	46.3	4.03%	8.06%	12.09%	39.2	43.4
Li, ppm	32.3	1.88	28.6	36.1	26.7	38.0	5.80%	11.60%	17.40%	30.7	33.9
Lu, ppm	0.38	0.022	0.33	0.42	0.31	0.44	5.93%	11.86%	17.79%	0.36	0.40
Mg, wt.%	1.79	0.084	1.62	1.96	1.54	2.04	4.70%	9.41%	14.11%	1.70	1.88
Mn, wt.%	0.099	0.004	0.091	0.108	0.087	0.112	4.25%	8.49%	12.74%	0.094	0.104
Mo, ppm	0.99	0.069	0.86	1.13	0.79	1.20	6.91%	13.82%	20.72%	0.95	1.04
Na, wt.%	0.286	0.017	0.252	0.320	0.235	0.336	5.92%	11.83%	17.75%	0.271	0.300
Nb, ppm	13.3	0.68	11.9	14.6	11.2	15.3	5.13%	10.27%	15.40%	12.6	13.9

Table 3 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
4-Acid Digestion continued											
Nd, ppm	34.8	1.42	32.0	37.6	30.5	39.0	4.07%	8.13%	12.20%	33.1	36.5
Ni, ppm	34.8	2.59	29.6	40.0	27.0	42.6	7.45%	14.90%	22.36%	33.1	36.6
P, wt.%	0.062	0.003	0.056	0.068	0.053	0.071	4.95%	9.89%	14.84%	0.059	0.065
Pb, ppm	110	7	96	124	90	130	6.15%	12.30%	18.44%	104	115
Pr, ppm	9.36	0.333	8.70	10.03	8.37	10.36	3.56%	7.11%	10.67%	8.90	9.83
Rb, ppm	163	12	140	187	128	198	7.20%	14.40%	21.60%	155	171
Re, ppb	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt.%	0.962	0.051	0.861	1.063	0.810	1.114	5.27%	10.55%	15.82%	0.914	1.010
Sb, ppm	1.36	0.088	1.19	1.54	1.10	1.63	6.42%	12.85%	19.27%	1.29	1.43
Sc, ppm	13.1	1.09	10.9	15.2	9.8	16.3	8.32%	16.63%	24.95%	12.4	13.7
Se, ppm	9.07	1.40	6.26	11.88	4.86	13.28	15.48%	30.95%	46.43%	8.62	9.52
Sm, ppm	6.51	0.353	5.80	7.21	5.45	7.56	5.42%	10.84%	16.26%	6.18	6.83
Sn, ppm	14.9	0.82	13.3	16.6	12.4	17.4	5.52%	11.03%	16.55%	14.2	15.7
Sr, ppm	36.2	2.02	32.2	40.3	30.2	42.3	5.57%	11.14%	16.71%	34.4	38.1
Ta, ppm	1.06	0.14	0.77	1.34	0.62	1.49	13.73%	27.46%	41.20%	1.00	1.11
Tb, ppm	0.81	0.039	0.73	0.89	0.69	0.93	4.79%	9.58%	14.37%	0.77	0.85
Te, ppm	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, ppm	16.0	1.04	13.9	18.1	12.9	19.1	6.53%	13.06%	19.59%	15.2	16.8
Ti, wt.%	0.391	0.026	0.339	0.443	0.312	0.469	6.68%	13.37%	20.05%	0.371	0.410
Tl, ppm	0.87	0.054	0.77	0.98	0.71	1.03	6.16%	12.31%	18.47%	0.83	0.92
Tm, ppm	0.39	0.013	0.37	0.42	0.35	0.43	3.20%	6.40%	9.60%	0.37	0.41
U, ppm	2.94	0.170	2.60	3.28	2.43	3.45	5.78%	11.57%	17.35%	2.79	3.09
V, ppm	91	4.7	81	100	77	105	5.16%	10.31%	15.47%	86	95
W, ppm	5.82	0.442	4.93	6.70	4.49	7.14	7.60%	15.21%	22.81%	5.52	6.11
Y, ppm	24.6	1.52	21.6	27.6	20.1	29.2	6.16%	12.32%	18.48%	23.4	25.8
Yb, ppm	2.43	0.151	2.13	2.73	1.98	2.89	6.23%	12.46%	18.70%	2.31	2.55
Zn, ppm	446	17	411	480	394	497	3.82%	7.64%	11.46%	423	468
Zr, ppm	106	7	93	119	86	126	6.21%	12.42%	18.62%	101	111
Aqua Regia Digestion											
Ag, ppm	2.41	0.34	1.73	3.09	1.39	3.43	14.10%	28.20%	42.31%	2.29	2.53
Al, wt.%	2.85	0.129	2.59	3.11	2.46	3.24	4.52%	9.04%	13.56%	2.71	2.99
As, ppm	8.99	0.842	7.30	10.67	6.46	11.51	9.36%	18.73%	28.09%	8.54	9.44

Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued											
Au, ppb	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
B, ppm	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, ppm	52	3.3	46	59	42	62	6.38%	12.77%	19.15%	50	55
Be, ppm	0.57	0.08	0.40	0.74	0.32	0.82	14.67%	29.34%	44.01%	0.54	0.60
Bi, ppm	32.4	3.3	25.9	38.9	22.6	42.2	10.09%	20.18%	30.27%	30.8	34.0
Ca, wt.%	0.315	0.020	0.275	0.354	0.256	0.374	6.24%	12.48%	18.73%	0.299	0.330
Cd, ppm	0.56	0.046	0.46	0.65	0.42	0.69	8.20%	16.41%	24.61%	0.53	0.58
Ce, ppm	57	8	41	73	33	81	14.13%	28.27%	42.40%	54	60
Co, ppm	23.8	1.39	21.1	26.6	19.7	28.0	5.82%	11.65%	17.47%	22.6	25.0
Cr, ppm	38.5	1.79	35.0	42.1	33.2	43.9	4.64%	9.27%	13.91%	36.6	40.5
Cs, ppm	1.49	0.28	0.94	2.05	0.66	2.33	18.65%	37.31%	55.96%	1.42	1.57
Cu, wt.%	0.629	0.026	0.578	0.680	0.552	0.706	4.08%	8.16%	12.24%	0.598	0.661
Dy, ppm	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Er, ppm	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Eu, ppm	< 1.3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Fe, wt.%	6.39	0.214	5.96	6.81	5.74	7.03	3.35%	6.71%	10.06%	6.07	6.71
Ga, ppm	8.18	0.567	7.05	9.32	6.48	9.89	6.93%	13.86%	20.80%	7.77	8.59
Gd, ppm	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ge, ppm	< 0.2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, ppm	0.63	0.12	0.40	0.86	0.28	0.98	18.49%	36.98%	55.47%	0.60	0.66
Hg, ppm	< 0.08	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ho, ppm	< 0.1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
In, ppm	0.60	0.056	0.49	0.71	0.43	0.77	9.39%	18.77%	28.16%	0.57	0.63
K, wt.%	0.306	0.047	0.212	0.401	0.165	0.448	15.42%	30.84%	46.27%	0.291	0.322
La, ppm	28.7	3.4	22.0	35.4	18.6	38.8	11.70%	23.39%	35.09%	27.3	30.1
Li, ppm	24.2	1.62	20.9	27.4	19.3	29.0	6.68%	13.37%	20.05%	23.0	25.4
Lu, ppm	< 0.3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Mg, wt.%	1.53	0.085	1.36	1.70	1.28	1.78	5.54%	11.09%	16.63%	1.45	1.61
Mn, wt.%	0.090	0.004	0.082	0.097	0.078	0.101	4.35%	8.71%	13.06%	0.085	0.094
Mo, ppm	0.94	0.11	0.73	1.16	0.62	1.26	11.37%	22.74%	34.11%	0.90	0.99
Na, wt.%	< 0.02	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Nb, ppm	< 0.5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND

Table 3 continued.

Constituent	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Aqua Regia Digestion continued											
Nd, ppm	24.5	4.7	15.1	34.0	10.3	38.7	19.30%	38.60%	57.90%	23.3	25.8
Ni, ppm	31.7	1.52	28.6	34.7	27.1	36.3	4.80%	9.61%	14.41%	30.1	33.3
P, wt.%	0.061	0.003	0.055	0.067	0.052	0.070	5.02%	10.03%	15.05%	0.058	0.064
Pb, ppm	111	7	97	124	90	131	6.17%	12.33%	18.50%	105	116
Pr, ppm	6.55	1.08	4.40	8.70	3.32	9.78	16.44%	32.89%	49.33%	6.22	6.88
Rb, ppm	18.9	2.3	14.3	23.5	12.0	25.8	12.25%	24.50%	36.76%	18.0	19.8
Re, ppb	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
S, wt.%	0.985	0.051	0.882	1.088	0.831	1.139	5.22%	10.43%	15.65%	0.936	1.035
Sb, ppm	0.64	0.11	0.41	0.86	0.30	0.97	17.44%	34.89%	52.33%	0.61	0.67
Sc, ppm	3.28	0.48	2.32	4.24	1.84	4.72	14.65%	29.30%	43.96%	3.12	3.45
Se, ppm	8.91	0.854	7.20	10.62	6.35	11.47	9.59%	19.17%	28.76%	8.47	9.36
Sm, ppm	4.49	0.94	2.60	6.37	1.66	7.31	21.03%	42.06%	63.09%	4.26	4.71
Sn, ppm	7.77	0.617	6.54	9.01	5.92	9.62	7.94%	15.88%	23.82%	7.38	8.16
Sr, ppm	12.6	0.59	11.4	13.8	10.8	14.4	4.71%	9.43%	14.14%	12.0	13.2
Ta, ppm	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tb, ppm	< 0.8	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Te, ppm	< 0.05	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Th, ppm	14.2	0.76	12.7	15.7	11.9	16.5	5.36%	10.72%	16.08%	13.5	14.9
Ti, wt.%	< 0.15	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Tl, ppm	0.13	0.03	0.08	0.18	0.05	0.21	19.92%	39.83%	59.75%	0.13	0.14
Tm, ppm	< 0.4	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
U, ppm	1.82	0.20	1.41	2.23	1.21	2.43	11.22%	22.43%	33.65%	1.73	1.91
V, ppm	31.0	3.05	24.9	37.1	21.9	40.2	9.84%	19.67%	29.51%	29.5	32.6
W, ppm	2.54	0.48	1.58	3.49	1.11	3.97	18.81%	37.63%	56.44%	2.41	2.66
Y, ppm	12.6	2.0	8.5	16.7	6.5	18.7	16.17%	32.34%	48.51%	12.0	13.2
Yb, ppm	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Zn, ppm	437	16	405	470	389	486	3.71%	7.42%	11.13%	416	459
Zr, ppm	21.8	2.10	17.6	26.0	15.5	28.1	9.64%	19.27%	28.91%	20.7	22.9
Peroxide Fusion ICP											
Al, wt.%	7.43	0.150	7.13	7.73	6.97	7.88	2.02%	4.05%	6.07%	7.05	7.80
As, ppm	< 10	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ba, ppm	433	12	409	457	396	470	2.82%	5.64%	8.45%	411	455

Table 3 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
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued											
Be, ppm	< 3	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Bi, ppm	33.6	4.8	23.9	43.2	19.1	48.0	14.36%	28.72%	43.08%	31.9	35.2
Ca, wt.%	0.500	0.087	0.326	0.675	0.238	0.762	17.44%	34.89%	52.33%	0.475	0.525
Cd, ppm	< 0.8	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Ce, ppm	83	5.1	73	93	68	98	6.11%	12.23%	18.34%	79	87
Co, ppm	25.4	1.83	21.7	29.0	19.9	30.9	7.20%	14.39%	21.59%	24.1	26.6
Cr, ppm	84	14	55	113	40	127	17.30%	34.60%	51.89%	80	88
Cs, ppm	6.70	0.281	6.13	7.26	5.85	7.54	4.20%	8.39%	12.59%	6.36	7.03
Cu, wt.%	0.621	0.025	0.572	0.670	0.548	0.695	3.95%	7.91%	11.86%	0.590	0.652
Dy, ppm	5.21	0.230	4.75	5.67	4.52	5.90	4.41%	8.82%	13.23%	4.95	5.47
Er, ppm	2.93	0.186	2.56	3.30	2.37	3.49	6.36%	12.71%	19.07%	2.78	3.08
Eu, ppm	1.34	0.093	1.15	1.53	1.06	1.62	6.97%	13.94%	20.91%	1.27	1.41
Fe, wt.%	7.26	0.272	6.72	7.80	6.44	8.08	3.75%	7.49%	11.24%	6.90	7.62
Ga, ppm	20.8	1.51	17.8	23.8	16.3	25.3	7.23%	14.47%	21.70%	19.8	21.9
Gd, ppm	6.13	0.462	5.20	7.05	4.74	7.51	7.53%	15.07%	22.60%	5.82	6.43
Ge, ppm	< 5	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Hf, ppm	5.22	0.71	3.81	6.63	3.10	7.33	13.52%	27.04%	40.56%	4.96	5.48
Ho, ppm	1.08	0.103	0.87	1.28	0.77	1.39	9.62%	19.23%	28.85%	1.02	1.13
In, ppm	0.73	0.063	0.61	0.86	0.55	0.92	8.54%	17.08%	25.62%	0.70	0.77
K, wt.%	2.56	0.101	2.36	2.76	2.26	2.86	3.94%	7.89%	11.83%	2.43	2.69
La, ppm	43.0	4.01	35.0	51.1	31.0	55.1	9.32%	18.64%	27.96%	40.9	45.2
Li, ppm	30.0	3.5	23.0	37.1	19.5	40.6	11.66%	23.33%	34.99%	28.5	31.5
Lu, ppm	0.44	0.05	0.34	0.55	0.28	0.61	12.25%	24.50%	36.74%	0.42	0.47
Mg, wt.%	1.85	0.064	1.72	1.97	1.65	2.04	3.45%	6.89%	10.34%	1.75	1.94
Mn, wt.%	0.103	0.003	0.097	0.110	0.094	0.113	3.19%	6.37%	9.56%	0.098	0.109
Mo, ppm	< 1	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Nb, ppm	14.4	1.15	12.1	16.7	10.9	17.8	7.99%	15.97%	23.96%	13.7	15.1
Nd, ppm	36.2	2.46	31.2	41.1	28.8	43.5	6.81%	13.62%	20.42%	34.4	38.0
Ni, ppm	35.5	4.5	26.5	44.6	22.0	49.1	12.70%	25.41%	38.11%	33.8	37.3
P, wt.%	0.064	0.007	0.050	0.079	0.042	0.087	11.53%	23.06%	34.60%	0.061	0.068
Pb, ppm	115	15	86	144	71	159	12.63%	25.26%	37.89%	109	121
Pr, ppm	10.0	0.43	9.1	10.9	8.7	11.3	4.31%	8.62%	12.93%	9.5	10.5

Table 3 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
Peroxide Fusion ICP continued											
Rb, ppm	166	5	157	175	152	180	2.79%	5.58%	8.36%	158	174
S, wt.%	0.970	0.027	0.915	1.025	0.888	1.052	2.83%	5.66%	8.49%	0.922	1.019
Sb, ppm	< 2	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
Si, wt.%	29.43	0.715	28.00	30.86	27.28	31.57	2.43%	4.86%	7.29%	27.96	30.90
Sm, ppm	6.71	0.348	6.02	7.41	5.67	7.76	5.18%	10.36%	15.55%	6.38	7.05
Sn, ppm	17.9	2.4	13.2	22.6	10.8	25.0	13.19%	26.37%	39.56%	17.0	18.8
Sr, ppm	36.6	2.50	31.6	41.6	29.1	44.1	6.84%	13.67%	20.51%	34.8	38.5
Ta, ppm	1.21	0.17	0.88	1.55	0.71	1.72	13.92%	27.84%	41.75%	1.15	1.27
Tb, ppm	0.92	0.087	0.75	1.10	0.66	1.18	9.49%	18.98%	28.47%	0.87	0.97
Th, ppm	16.0	0.99	14.0	18.0	13.0	19.0	6.20%	12.41%	18.61%	15.2	16.8
Ti, wt.%	0.405	0.022	0.360	0.450	0.338	0.472	5.52%	11.04%	16.56%	0.385	0.425
Tl, ppm	0.90	0.067	0.77	1.04	0.70	1.10	7.48%	14.96%	22.44%	0.86	0.95
Tm, ppm	0.45	0.05	0.35	0.54	0.30	0.59	10.81%	21.61%	32.42%	0.42	0.47
U, ppm	3.23	0.190	2.85	3.61	2.66	3.80	5.88%	11.76%	17.63%	3.07	3.39
V, ppm	90	5.5	79	101	74	107	6.12%	12.25%	18.37%	86	95
W, ppm	5.76	0.92	3.92	7.59	3.00	8.51	15.96%	31.91%	47.87%	5.47	6.04
Y, ppm	27.7	1.23	25.3	30.2	24.0	31.4	4.45%	8.89%	13.34%	26.3	29.1
Yb, ppm	2.65	0.159	2.33	2.97	2.17	3.13	5.99%	11.98%	17.97%	2.52	2.78
Zn, ppm	459	25	409	510	383	535	5.50%	11.01%	16.51%	436	482

Note: intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

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INTENDED USE

OREAS 925 is intended for the following uses:

- for the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of geological samples for the analytes reported in Table 1;
- 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 925 has been prepared from mineralised and altered carbonaceous siltstones and mudstones from the CSA mine located near the town of Cobar in central western New South Wales, Australia. It has been packaged in robust foil laminate pouches and under normal storage conditions has long-term stability beyond 10 years.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THE REFERENCE MATERIAL

The certified values for OREAS 925 refer to the concentration level in its packaged state. It should not be dried prior to weighing and analysis.

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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REFERENCES

ISO Guide 3207 (1975), Statistical interpretation of data - Determination of a statistical tolerance interval.

ISO Guide 35 (2006), Certification of reference materials - General and statistical principals.