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## AMIS0372

### *Certified Reference Material*

**Iron Ore, Hamersley Iron Ore province,  
Western Australia**

### *Certificate of Analysis*

**Recommended Concentrations and Limits<sup>1</sup>  
(at two Standard Deviations)**

#### *Certified Concentration<sup>2</sup>*

Fe XRF 55.77 ± 0.22 %

#### *Provisional Concentrations*

Fe M/ICP	51.38	±	8.30	%
Ba M/ICP	20	±	6	ppm
Mn M/ICP	1077	±	145	ppm
P M/ICP	396	±	59	ppm
Sn M/ICP	0.75	±	0.16	ppm
Zr M/ICP	36	±	7	ppm

1. Manufacturers recommended limits for use of the material as control samples, based on two standard deviations, calculated using "Between Laboratory" statistics for treatment of the data for trivial, non-trivial and technically invalid results. See sections 1, 9 and 12.
2. There is additional certified major element data presented on p2 and uncertified trace element data presented as an appendix.

# Major Element Recommended Concentrations and Limits (at two Standard Deviations)

## ***Certified Concentrations***

Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.80	±	0.04	%
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	79.73	±	1.36	%
MnO	0.14	±	0.01	%
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.10	±	0.004	%
SiO <sub>2</sub>	12.76	±	0.20	%
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.18	±	0.01	%
LOI	3.91	±	0.20	%

## ***Provisional Concentrations***

K <sub>2</sub> O	0.04	±	0.01	%
MgO	0.07	±	0.01	%

## ***Indicated Means***

CaO	0.023	%
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.015	%
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.015	%
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	%
S Comb / LECO	0.02	%

1. **Intended Use:** AMIS0372 can be used to check analysis of samples of high-grade iron ore deposits hosted within banded iron formation (BIF) sequences with a similar grade and matrix.

It is a matrix matched Certified Reference Material, fit for use as control samples in routine assay laboratory quality control when inserted within runs of samples and measured in parallel to the unknown. Its purpose is to monitor inter-laboratory or instrument bias and within lab precision. It can be used, indirectly, to establish the traceability of results to an SI system of units.

The recommended concentrations and limits for this material are property values based on a measurement campaign (round robin) and reflect consensus results from the laboratories that participated in the round robin.

Slight variations in analytical procedures between laboratories will reflect as slight biases to the recommended concentrations (see 19). Good laboratories will report results within the two standard deviation levels with a failure rate of <10 %.

The material can also be used for method development and for the calibration of equipment.

2. **Origin of Material:** AMIS0372 was supplied by SGS Australia.

3. **Mineral and Chemical Composition:** The precise mineralogy of the material was not detailed. Iron ore deposits of the Hamersley Province are mostly hosted within banded iron formation (BIF) sequences of the Brockman and Marra Mamba Iron Formations of the Hamersley Group and consist of two types: martite-microplaty hematite containing between 60 and 68 wt. % Fe, and martite-goethite containing between 56 and 63 wt. % Fe

4. **Appearance:** The material is a very fine strong brown powder (Corstor 5YR 4/6).

**5. Handling instructions:** The material is packaged in Laboratory Packs and Explorer Packs that must be shaken or otherwise agitated before use. Normal safety precautions for handling fine particulate matter are suggested, such as the use of safety glasses, breathing protection, gloves and a laboratory coat.

**6. Method of Preparation:** The material was crushed, dry-milled and air-classified to <54µm. Wet sieve particle size analysis of random samples confirmed the material was 98.5% <54µm. It was then blended in a bi-conical mixer, systematically divided and then sealed into 1kg Laboratory Packs. Explorer Packs are subdivided from the Laboratory packs as required. Samples were randomly selected for homogeneity testing and third party analysis. Statistical analysis of both homogeneity and consensus test results were carried out by an independent statistician.

**7. Methods of Analysis requested:**

1. Multi element scan to include Fe. Fusion, ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
2. Multi element scan. Multi-acid digest ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
3. Majors ( Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, MgO, MnO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. ) XRF fusion.
4. LOI (TGA) – 105°C, 1000°C.
5. S – Combustion analysis.
6. SG, gas pycnometer.

**8. Information requested:**

1. State and provide brief description of analytical techniques used.
2. State aliquots used for all determinations.
3. Results for individual analyses to be reported.
4. Report all QC data, to include replicates, blanks and certified reference materials used.

**9. Method of Certification:** Twenty four laboratories were each given eight randomly selected packages of sample. Twenty one of the laboratories submitted results in time for certification.

Final limits were calculated after first determining if all data was compatible within a spread normally expected for similar analytical methods done by reputable laboratories. Data from any one laboratory was then removed from further calculations when the mean of all analyses from that laboratory failed a “t test” of the global means of the other laboratories. The means and standard deviations were then re-calculated using all remaining data. Any analysis that fell outside of the new two standard deviations was removed from the ensuing data base. The mean and standard deviations were again calculated using the remaining data.

The “between-laboratory” standard deviation is used in the calculation to eliminate technically and statistically invalid data. Upper and lower limits are based on the standard deviation of the remaining data, which reflect individual analyses and can be used to monitor accuracy in routine laboratory quality control. This is different to limits based on standard deviations derived from grouped set of analyses (see 12), which provide important measures for precision and trueness, but which are less useful for routine QC.

Standards with an RSD of near or less than 5 % are termed “Certified”, RSD’s of between near 5 % and 15 % are termed “Provisional”, and RSD’s over 15 % are termed “Informational”.

**10. Participating Laboratories:** The 21 out of 24 laboratories that provided results timeously were (not in same order as in the table of assays):

1. ACME Analytical Laboratories Ltd CA
2. Activation Laboratories Pty Ltd (ActLabs) CA
3. ALS Ammtec (Australia)
4. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group Brisbane Australia
5. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group Johannesburg SA

6. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group Perth WA
7. ALS OMAC (Ireland)
8. Anglo Research (Crown Campus)
9. BV Amdel (Australia)
10. Genalysis Laboratory Services (South Africa) Pty
11. Genalysis Laboratory Services (W Australia P)
12. Intertek Utama Services (Indonesia)
13. Set Point Laboratories (Isando) SA
14. SGS Australia Pty Ltd (Newburn) WA
15. SGS Geosol Laboratories Ltda (Brazil)
16. SGS Mineral Services Callao (Peru)
17. SGS Mineral Services Lakefield (Canada)
18. SGS South Africa (Pty) Ltd - Booyens JHB
19. SGS Townsville (Australia)
20. SGS Vancouver (Canada)
21. Ultra Trace (Pty) Ltd WA

**11. Assay Data:** Data as received from the laboratories for the important certified elements listed on p1 is set out below.

**Assay data - Economic Elements**

Lab Code	Fe M/ICP %	Fe XRF %	Ba M/ICP ppm	Mn M/ICP ppm	P M/ICP ppm	Sn M/ICP ppm	Zr M/ICP ppm	LOI %	S Comb/LECO %
A	55.60	55.62	22.00	1060				3.70	0.02
A	55.20	55.69	26.00	1080				3.90	0.01
A	55.60	55.70	25.00	1070				4.00	0.02
A	55.10	55.74	26.00	1110				4.00	0.02
A	55.60	55.60	21.00	1040				3.90	0.02
A	55.80	55.69	22.00	1030				3.90	0.02
A	55.50	55.57	21.00	1050				3.90	0.02
A	55.20	56.00	20.00	1040				3.90	0.03
B	41.69	55.79	20.00	1210	420				
B	40.16	55.78	20.00	1189	415				
B	40.15	55.81	20.00	1165	412				
B	37.99	55.67	19.00	1184	420				
B	39.09	55.72	20.00	1167	415				
B	38.88	55.81	20.00	1184	418				
B	38.28	55.67	19.00	1190	419				
B	41.08	55.69	19.00	1155	415				
C	43.60		18.00	952			35.00	3.80	0.05
C	40.40		19.00	948			39.00	3.69	0.04
C	41.30		16.00	930			35.00	3.80	0.05
C	44.80		17.00	981			35.00	3.86	0.05
C	42.70		17.00	962			34.00	3.80	0.04
C	44.40		18.00	992			35.00	3.75	0.04
C	45.50		17.00	999			36.00	3.78	0.05
C	45.40		17.00	1020			35.00	3.71	0.04
D	46.00	55.35	20.00	1070	420	0.80	35.20	4.08	0.02
D	46.60	55.16	20.00	1060	430	0.80	37.20	4.02	0.02
D	45.80	55.42	20.00	1050	450	0.80	35.10	4.04	0.02
D	46.50	55.47	20.00	1060	410	0.90	35.20	4.02	0.02
D	46.10	55.47	20.00	1060	430	0.80	36.10	4.08	0.02
D	46.40	55.18	20.00	1060	450	0.80	35.40	4.12	0.02
D	46.60	55.88	20.00	1050	410	0.80	35.90	4.02	0.02
D	46.80	55.37	20.00	1050	440	0.80	36.30	4.07	0.02
E	56.10	56.36	25.00	1100	500	0.70	40.00	3.86	0.02
E	55.90	56.02	20.00	1150	450	0.70	40.00	3.81	0.02
E	56.00	56.48	25.00	1150	450	0.70	40.00	3.85	0.02
E	55.90	56.51	20.00	1150	500	0.60	35.00	3.87	0.02
E	56.50	56.21	25.00	1200	500	0.70	40.00	3.84	
E	56.40	55.63	20.00	1100	450	0.70	35.00	3.81	0.02
E	55.60	56.71	25.00	1150	500	0.60	40.00	3.85	0.02
E	55.60	56.39	20.00	1100	500	0.80	40.00	3.84	0.03

Assay data – Economic Elements (cont)

Lab Code	Fe M/ICP %	Fe XRF %	Ba M/ICP ppm	Mn M/ICP ppm	P M/ICP ppm	Sn M/ICP ppm	Zr M/ICP ppm	LOI %	S Comb/LECO %
G	49.12	55.77	17.00	1022	406	0.70	37.80	3.81	0.03
G	47.63	55.86	17.00	986	430	0.60	38.00	3.80	0.03
G	49.51	55.89	17.00	988	419	0.70	37.60	3.81	0.03
G	49.08	55.88	17.00	1026	437	0.70	38.20	3.80	0.03
G	48.53	55.81	18.00	1026	411	0.70	38.30	3.80	0.03
G	47.39	55.76	17.00	992	419	0.70	37.40	3.82	0.03
G	49.01	55.75	18.00	987	445	0.70	37.80	3.81	0.03
G	46.16	55.81	17.00	1021	396	0.70	38.00	3.80	0.03
H			14.48	749	359		29.39	3.98	0.03
H			14.21	798	381		30.64	3.95	0.03
H			15.62	871	426		35.68	3.94	0.03
H			19.86	993	383		43.09	3.98	0.03
H			16.90	964	402		40.57	3.94	0.03
H			16.70	966	416		38.50	4.07	0.03
H			17.33	950	417		38.27	3.92	0.03
H			15.81	941	424		36.01	4.31	0.03
I		55.71	20.00	971	400	0.70	32.50	4.01	0.02
I		55.74	20.00	983	410	0.80	32.70	4.05	0.02
I		55.69	20.00	1010	410	0.80	33.00	4.07	0.03
I		55.69	20.00	1010	410	0.70	32.70	4.09	0.03
I		55.53	20.00	1010	410	0.80	33.50	4.11	0.03
I		55.67	20.00	992	410	0.80	33.50	4.15	0.03
I		55.71	20.00	1060	410	0.80	31.60	4.16	0.02
I		55.53	20.00	988	400	0.80	34.10	4.13	0.03
J	48.70			1200	400			4.08	0.03
J	49.85			1200	400			4.10	0.03
J	47.79			1200	400			4.11	0.03
J	48.49			1100	400			4.08	0.03
J	49.17			1100	400			4.02	0.03
J	48.96			1100	400			4.01	0.03
J	49.64			1100	400			4.00	0.03
J	49.68			1100	400			3.98	0.03
K	49.50		21.00	1230	340	0.80	42.40		0.01
K	48.10		20.00	1210	340	0.70	41.70		0.11
K	45.40		19.00	1180	330	0.70	39.30		0.01
K	49.40		21.00	1220	340	0.70	41.50		0.01
K	48.40		21.00	1220	340	0.70	42.20		0.01
K	47.40		18.00	1190	340	0.70	38.80		0.01
K	48.20		20.00	1210	340	0.70	41.90		0.01
K	48.70		20.00	1200	340	0.70	41.80		0.01
L	55.40							4.01	
L	56.80							3.98	
L	56.20							3.93	
L	56.70							3.97	
L	56.20							3.93	
L	56.50							3.96	
L	56.10							3.95	
L	56.10							3.91	
M								4.00	0.03
M								4.00	0.03
M								4.00	0.03
M								4.00	0.03
M								3.98	0.03
M								4.03	0.03
M								4.04	0.03
M								4.01	0.03
N			23.00	1052	393	0.80		3.91	0.02
N			24.00	1118	388	0.80		3.91	0.02
N			23.00	1086	385	0.80		3.90	0.02
N			24.00	1066	385	1.00		3.91	0.02
N			23.00	1054	385	0.90		3.92	0.02
N			24.00	1099	387	0.70		3.89	0.02
N			23.00	1128	391	0.80		3.89	0.02
N			23.00	1076	386	0.80		3.90	0.02

**Assay data –Economic Elements (cont)**

Lab Code	Fe M/ICP %	Fe XRF %	Ba M/ICP ppm	Mn M/ICP ppm	P M/ICP ppm	Sn M/ICP ppm	Zr M/ICP ppm	LOI %	Scomb LECO %
P		55.88						3.82	
P		55.79						3.81	
P		55.83						3.83	
P		55.75						3.82	
P		55.77						3.82	
P		55.80						3.82	
P		55.83						3.83	
P		55.78						3.81	
Q		55.77	20.00	1040	430	0.80	35.80	3.96	0.02
Q		55.84	20.00	1060	430	0.80	35.10	3.91	0.02
Q		55.83	20.00	1030	410	0.80	34.30	3.95	0.02
Q		55.81	20.00	1040	410	0.80	35.80	3.91	0.02
Q		55.63	20.00	1020	410	0.80	35.20	3.96	0.02
Q		55.87	20.00	1060	430	0.80	36.40	3.90	0.02
Q		55.91	20.00	1060	430	0.80	35.10	3.87	0.02
Q		55.71	20.00	1040	420	0.80	34.60	3.93	0.02
S			38.00	901	380	0.70	36.00	4.59	0.02
S			36.00	929	370	0.70	35.70	4.57	0.02
S			36.00	888	350	0.70	34.90	4.53	0.02
S			36.00	893	370	0.80	35.40	4.52	0.02
S			35.00	905	360	0.70	35.10	4.48	0.02
S			37.00	911	360	0.80	36.20	4.54	0.02
S			37.00	888	350	0.70	34.80	4.59	0.02
S			39.00	911	350	0.70	34.60	4.57	0.02
T		55.75						3.89	0.03
T		55.75						3.89	0.03
T		55.76						3.92	0.03
T		55.75						3.91	0.03
T		55.72						3.91	0.03
T		55.76						3.90	0.03
T		55.72						3.90	0.03
T		55.75						3.89	0.03
U	56.50	55.80	16.00	1110	500		33.00	3.81	0.03
U	56.10	55.76	17.00	1110	500		35.00	3.83	0.03
U	55.80	55.94	17.00	1100	500		33.00	3.81	0.03
U	57.20	55.85	16.00	1110	600		34.00	3.82	0.03
U	57.00	55.80	16.00	1100	500		32.00	3.82	0.03
U	55.60	55.76	17.00	1070	550		33.00	3.84	0.03
U	56.90	56.02	17.00	1090	500		34.00	3.81	0.03
U	56.10	55.98	17.00	1100	500		35.00	3.83	0.03
V	51.20	56.10	15.00	1050	355	0.60	29.00	3.85	0.01
V	53.00	56.10	16.00	1030	350	0.70	29.00	3.85	0.01
V	51.90	56.00	15.00	1060	365	0.70	29.00	3.84	0.02
V	52.00	56.10	15.00	1100	365	0.70	31.00	3.83	0.02
V	54.60	56.10	16.00	1100	365	0.70	31.00	3.85	0.02
V	50.70	56.10	18.00	1040	350	0.60	28.00	3.84	0.02
V	49.10	56.00	15.00	1030	345	0.70	29.00	3.86	0.02
V	49.70	56.10	16.00	1030	340	0.70	29.00	3.83	0.02
W	52.89							3.56	0.03
W	50.58							3.62	0.03
W	51.82							3.55	0.03
W	50.39							3.58	0.03
W	50.03							3.57	0.03
W	51.05							3.56	0.03
W	51.84							3.57	0.03
W	53.97							3.60	0.03
X			25.00	1151	421	1.30	134	3.76	0.02
X			27.00	1127	405	0.90	139	3.78	0.01
X			25.00	1111	397	0.90	136	3.71	0.01
X			25.00	1117	413	0.90	130	3.74	0.02
X			25.00	1110	414	0.80	137	3.83	0.02
X			27.00	1154	419	0.90	140	3.79	0.01
X			25.00	1132	403	1.00	133	3.76	0.02
X			24.00	1121	403	0.90	134	3.81	0.01

Assay data – Major Oxides

Lab Code	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	CaO XRF %	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	K <sub>2</sub> O XRF %	MgO XRF %	MnO XRF %	Na <sub>2</sub> O XRF %	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> XRF %	SiO <sub>2</sub> XRF %	TiO <sub>2</sub> XRF %	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> XRF %
A	2.76	0.03	0.03	79.54	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.92	0.20	0.01
A	2.75	0.03	0.03	79.64	0.04	0.06	0.14		0.10	12.90	0.21	0.01
A	2.76	0.03	0.02	79.66	0.04	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.86	0.18	0.01
A	2.78	0.03	0.02	79.71	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.83	0.18	0.01
A	2.74	0.03	0.02	79.51	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.79	0.18	0.01
A	2.73	0.03	0.03	79.63	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.81	0.18	0.01
A	2.75	0.03	0.03	79.46	0.04	0.06	0.14		0.10	12.80	0.18	0.01
A	2.72	0.03	0.03	80.08	0.04	0.06	0.15		0.11	12.79	0.18	0.01
B	2.82				0.04	0.06			0.11	12.70	0.19	
B	2.81				0.03	0.05			0.11	12.64	0.19	
B	2.80				0.04	0.06			0.10	12.64	0.19	
B	2.80				0.04	0.05			0.10	12.71	0.19	
B	2.79				0.03	0.06			0.10	12.62	0.19	
B	2.80				0.03	0.06			0.10	12.69	0.19	
B	2.82				0.04	0.05			0.11	12.60	0.19	
B	2.77				0.03	0.06			0.10	12.62	0.19	
C	2.81	0.03	0.04	78.50	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.10	12.58	0.19	0.01
C	2.78	0.03	0.04	78.42	0.04	0.07	0.15		0.10	12.83	0.19	0.01
C	2.70	0.03	0.03	78.87	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.54	0.19	0.01
C	2.76	0.02	0.03	79.01	0.04	0.06	0.14		0.11	12.79	0.19	0.01
C	2.79	0.03	0.02	79.33	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.10	12.67	0.18	0.01
C	2.73	0.02	0.03	78.77	0.04	0.06	0.15		0.11	12.71	0.18	0.01
C	2.81	0.02	0.02	78.97	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.10	12.69	0.19	0.01
C	2.73	0.02	0.02	78.86	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.11	12.58	0.18	0.01
D	2.78	0.02	0.03		0.03	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.60	0.18	0.01
D	2.75	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.10	12.55	0.18	0.01
D	2.75	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.02	0.10	12.60	0.18	0.01
D	2.79	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.70	0.18	0.01
D	2.79	0.03	0.02		0.03	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.65	0.18	0.01
D	2.77	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.60	0.18	0.01
D	2.78	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.70	0.18	0.01
D	2.77	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15	0.01	0.10	12.60	0.18	0.01
E	2.79	0.04	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.14			12.85	0.17	0.01
E	2.78	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.14			12.70	0.17	0.01
E	2.82	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.15			12.88	0.18	0.01
E	2.79	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15			12.80	0.17	0.01
E	2.81	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.14			12.84	0.18	0.01
E	2.75	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.14			12.71	0.17	0.01
E	2.79	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.15			12.86	0.18	0.01
E	2.79	0.03	0.01		0.03	0.07	0.14			12.91	0.17	0.01
G	2.80	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.11	12.80	0.18	0.01
G	2.84	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.11	12.81	0.18	0.01
G	2.83	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.10	12.85	0.18	0.01
G	2.80	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.11	12.90	0.18	0.01
G	2.82	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	12.79	0.18	0.01
G	2.84	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.11	12.85	0.18	0.01
G	2.80	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.11	12.86	0.18	0.01
G	2.82	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	12.77	0.18	0.01
H	2.82	0.03		80.18	0.04		0.16		0.11	12.81	0.19	
H	2.81	0.03		80.34	0.04		0.16		0.11	12.91	0.21	
H	2.72	0.03		80.32	0.04		0.16		0.10	12.71	0.20	
H	2.84	0.03		80.14	0.04		0.16		0.11	12.75	0.20	
H	2.83	0.02		80.66	0.04		0.16		0.10	12.75	0.20	
H	2.78	0.03		80.41	0.04		0.16		0.10	12.79	0.19	
H	2.82	0.03		80.20	0.04		0.16		0.10	12.91	0.20	
H	2.80	0.02		80.04	0.04		0.16		0.10	12.83	0.20	
I	2.83	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.80	0.19	0.01
I	2.81	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.75	0.19	0.01
I	2.82	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.80	0.18	0.01
I	2.82	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.75	0.19	0.01
I	2.86	0.02	0.02		0.05	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.90	0.19	0.01
I	2.80	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15		0.10	12.75	0.19	0.01
I	2.79	0.02	0.01		0.03	0.06	0.15		0.11	12.70	0.19	0.01
I	2.84	0.02	0.01		0.05	0.06	0.15		0.11	12.90	0.19	0.01
J	2.80	0.03	0.02	79.54	0.03	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.70	0.16	0.01
J	2.79	0.03	0.02	78.99	0.04	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.70	0.16	0.01
J	2.78	0.03	0.02	79.04	0.04	0.04	0.14		0.09	12.60	0.16	0.01
J	2.80	0.03	0.02	79.32	0.05	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.70	0.16	0.01
J	2.79	0.03	0.02	79.12	0.04	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.70	0.16	0.01
J	2.81	0.03	0.02	79.81	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.80	0.16	0.01
J	2.78	0.03	0.02	79.34	0.04	0.04	0.14		0.10	12.70	0.16	0.01
J	2.78	0.03	0.02	78.95	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	12.60	0.16	0.01

Assay data - Major Oxides (cont.)

Lab Code	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	CaO XRF %	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> XRF %	K <sub>2</sub> O XRF %	MgO XRF %	MnO XRF %	Na <sub>2</sub> O XRF %	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> XRF %	SiO <sub>2</sub> XRF %	TiO <sub>2</sub> XRF %	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> XRF %
L	2.79	0.03	0.02	79.90	0.03	0.08	0.14		0.11	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.81	0.02	0.01	79.70	0.03	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.82	0.03	0.01	79.70	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.79	0.03	0.01	79.60	0.03	0.08	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.75	0.03	0.01	79.90	0.04	0.05	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.79	0.03	0.01	79.60	0.04	0.05	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.79	0.02	0.01	79.80	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
L	2.80	0.03	0.01	80.00	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.11	13	0.18	0.01
M	2.78	0.02		80.50	0.03	0.07	0.15		0.10	13	0.19	
M	2.80	0.02	0.01	80.50	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.10	13	0.19	
M	2.79	0.02	0.02	80.40	0.04	0.05	0.14		0.10	13	0.19	
M	2.79	0.03	0.01	80.20	0.03	0.06	0.14		0.10	13	0.19	
M	2.76	0.02	0.01	80.00	0.04	0.06	0.14		0.10	13	0.18	
M	2.77	0.02	0.02	80.40	0.04	0.07	0.14		0.11	13	0.19	
M	2.80	0.02	0.01	80.30	0.03	0.08	0.14		0.10	13	0.18	
M	2.78	0.02	0.01	80.40	0.03	0.06	0.14		0.10	13	0.19	
N	2.77	0.01		78.80	0.03	0.08	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.73	0.01		79.00	0.03	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.72	0.01		79.00	0.03	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.79	0.01		79.30	0.03	0.08	0.14	0.05	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.82	0.01		79.10	0.03	0.09	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.72	0.01		78.70	0.03	0.07	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.77	0.02		79.20	0.03	0.08	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.22	
N	2.74	0.01		79.00	0.03	0.10	0.14	0.05	0.10	13	0.22	
P	2.79	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.79	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.78	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.78	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.78	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.77	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
P	2.75	0.02	0.02		0.04		0.08			13	0.18	
Q	2.81	0.01	0.02		0.04	0.08	0.14	0.02	0.11	13	0.17	0.01
Q	2.80	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.08	0.14	0.02	0.11	13	0.17	0.01
Q	2.82	0.01	0.01		0.04	0.08	0.15	0.02	0.10	13	0.17	0.01
Q	2.80	0.01	0.02		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.17	0.01
Q	2.84	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.09	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
Q	2.80	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
Q	2.79	0.01	0.01		0.04	0.08	0.15	0.02	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
Q	2.83	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.08	0.15	0.03	0.10	13	0.17	0.01
T	2.80	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.82	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.80	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.81	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.83	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.80	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.08	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.84	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
T	2.84	0.02	0.02		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.79	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.11	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.82	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.82	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.79	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.77	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.82	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.11	13	0.18	0.01
U	2.83	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.15	0.03	0.11	13	0.19	0.01
U	2.83	0.02	0.01		0.04	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.11	13	0.18	0.01
V	2.78	0.02			0.03	0.06	0.15	0.02	0.10	13	0.19	
V	2.77	0.02			0.03	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.18	
V	2.79	0.02			0.04	0.06	0.15	0.02	0.10	13	0.19	
V	2.77	0.02			0.03	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.19	
V	2.77	0.02			0.04	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.11	13	0.19	
V	2.77	0.02			0.03	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.19	
V	2.80	0.02			0.04	0.07	0.14	0.02	0.10	13	0.19	
V	2.77	0.02			0.04	0.06	0.14	0.01	0.10	13	0.19	
W	2.50		0.03	80.88	0.03		0.15		0.10	11	0.18	0.01
W	2.44		0.03	80.72	0.03		0.15		0.09	11	0.18	0.01
W	2.41		0.03	81.03	0.03		0.15		0.10	11	0.19	0.01
W	2.42		0.03	81.16	0.03		0.15		0.10	11	0.19	0.01
W	2.58		0.04	81.54	0.04		0.15		0.10	12	0.19	0.01
W	2.43		0.03	80.75	0.03		0.14		0.10	11	0.18	0.01
W	2.40		0.03	80.53	0.03		0.15		0.10	11	0.18	0.02
W	2.53		0.03	80.75	0.03		0.15		0.10	11	0.18	0.01



**12. Measurement of Uncertainty** :(ref Dr Hugh Bartlett, Hugh Bartlett Consulting CC.)

The samples used in this certification process have been selected in such a way as to represent the entire batch of material and were taken from the final packaged units; therefore all possible sources of uncertainty (sample uncertainty and measurement uncertainty) are included in the final combined standard uncertainty determination.

The uncertainty measurement takes into consideration the between lab and the within lab variances and is calculated from the square roots of the variances of these components using the formula:

$$\text{Combined standard uncertainty} = \sqrt{(\text{between lab.var/no of labs}) + (\text{mean square within lab.var /no of assays})}$$

These uncertainty measurements may be used, by laboratories, as a component for calculating the total uncertainty for method validation according to the relevant ISO guidelines.

Analyte	Method	Unit	S <sup>1</sup>	$\sigma_L$ <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>w</sub> <sup>3</sup>	CSU <sup>4</sup>
Fe	M/ICP	%	4.15	3.55	0.97	1.07
Fe	XRF	%	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.04
Ba	M/ICP	ppm	2.83	1.99	1.11	0.54
Mn	M/ICP	ppm	72.5	50.1	26.0	13.2
P	M/ICP	ppm	29.6	23.0	11.4	6.75
Sn	M/ICP	ppm	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.02
Zr	M/ICP	ppm	3.28	2.50	1.62	0.77
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	XRF	%	0.024	0.012	0.017	0.003
CaO	XRF	%	0.006	0.004	0.003	0.001
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	XRF	%	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.001
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	XRF	%	0.68	0.68	0.22	0.24
K <sub>2</sub> O	XRF	%	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.001
LOI		%	0.100	0.064	0.037	0.016
MgO	XRF	%	0.008	0.004	0.006	0.001
MnO	XRF	%	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.001
Na <sub>2</sub> O	XRF	%	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.002
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	XRF	%	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000
SiO <sub>2</sub>	XRF	%	0.097	0.053	0.060	0.014
TiO <sub>2</sub>	XRF	%	0.006	0.004	0.003	0.001
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	XRF	%	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000
Scomb	LECO	%	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.001

1 S - Std Dev for use on control charts.

2  $\sigma_L$  - Betw Lab Std Dev, for use to calculate a measure of accuracy.

3 S<sub>w</sub> - Within Lab Stc Dev, for use to calculate a measure of precision.

4 CSU - Combined Standard Uncertainty, a component for use to calculate the total uncertainty in method validation.

**13. Uncertified values:** The Certified, Provisional and Informational values listed on p1 and p2 of this certificate fulfill the AMIS statistical criteria regarding agreement for certification and have been independently validated by Dr Barry Smee.

**14. Metrological Traceability:** The values quoted herein are based on the consensus values derived from statistical analysis of the data from an inter laboratory measurement program. Traceability to SI units is via the standards used by the individual laboratories, the majority of which are accredited, who have maintained measurement traceability during the analytical process.

**15. Certification:** AMIS0372 is a new material.

**16. Period of validity:** The certified values are valid for this product, while still sealed in its original packaging, until notification to the contrary. The stability of the material will be subject to continuous testing for the duration of the inventory. Should product stability become an issue, all customers will be notified and notification to that effect will be placed on the [www.amis.co.za](http://www.amis.co.za) website.

**17. Minimum sample size:** The majority of laboratories reporting used a 0.5g sample size for the ICP and a 30g sample size for the fire assay. These are the recommended minimum sample sizes for the use of this material.

**18. Availability:** This product is available in Laboratory Packs containing 1kg of material and Explorer Packs containing custom weights (from 50g to 250g) of material. The Laboratory Packs are sealed bottles delivered in sealed foil pouches. The Explorer Packs contain material in standard geochem envelopes, vacuum sealed in foil pouches.

**19. Recommended use:** The data used to characterize this CRM has been scrutinized using outlier treatment techniques. This, together with the number of participating laboratories, should overcome any "inter-laboratory issues" and should lead to a very accurate measure for the given methods, notwithstanding the underlying assumption that what the good inter-laboratory labs reported was accurate. However an amount of bad data might have had an effect, resulting in limits which in some situations might be too broad for the effective monitoring of a single analytical method, laboratory or production process. Users should set their own limits based on their own data quality objectives and control measurements, after determining the performance characteristics of their own particular method, using a minimum of 20 analyses using this CRM. User set limits should normally be within the limits recommended on p1 and 2 of this certificate.

**20. Legal Notice:** This certificate and the reference material described in it have been prepared with due care and attention. However AMIS, Set Point Technology (Pty) Ltd, Mike McWha, Dr Barry Smee and Smee and Associates Ltd; accept no liability for any decisions or actions taken following the use of the reference material.

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### Appendix - uncertified trace element statistics

Analyte	Method	Unit	Mean	2SD	RSD%	n
Ag	M/ICP	ppm	0.18	0.13	34.9	63
Al	M/ICP	%	1.5	0.16	5.6	134
As	M/ICP	ppm	88.3	14.1	8.0	110
Be	M/ICP	ppm	1.3	0.40	15.1	96
Bi	M/ICP	ppm	0.47	0.09	10.2	94
Ca	M/ICP	%	0.02	0.01	28.1	115
Cd	M/ICP	ppm	0.06	0.07	63.1	40
Ce	M/ICP	ppm	12.7	2.3	9.2	81
Co	M/ICP	ppm	8.9	6.7	37.8	104
Cr	M/ICP	ppm	93.1	20.6	11.1	120
Cs	M/ICP	ppm	0.13	0.13	49.8	79
Cu	M/ICP	ppm	20.7	6.9	16.6	128
Dy	M/ICP	ppm	1.9	5.3	139.5	53
Er	M/ICP	ppm	0.76	0.15	9.6	48
Eu	M/ICP	ppm	0.23	0.03	7.5	47
Fe	Fusion	%	54.7	2.3	2.1	40
Ga	M/ICP	ppm	5.3	0.69	6.5	87
Gd	M/ICP	ppm	1.0	0.19	10.1	47
Ge	M/ICP	ppm	2.7	3.7	68.1	56
Hf	M/ICP	ppm	0.95	0.22	11.7	72
Ho	M/ICP	ppm	0.23	0.07	15.5	49
In	M/ICP	ppm	0.05	0.01	15.0	64
K	M/ICP	%	0.03	0.02	23.9	118
La	M/ICP	ppm	4.9	1.03	10.6	82
Li	M/ICP	ppm	2.1	0.66	15.7	90
Lu	M/ICP	ppm	0.13	0.03	12.6	56
Mg	M/ICP	%	0.04	0.03	34.1	104
Mo	M/ICP	ppm	1.3	0.84	33.2	88
Na	M/ICP	%	0.01	0.02	52.5	79
Nb	M/ICP	ppm	2.8	0.71	12.9	88
Nd	M/ICP	ppm	4.0	0.75	9.5	47
Ni	M/ICP	ppm	17.0	4.4	12.9	121
Pb	M/ICP	ppm	21.0	7.3	17.3	122
Pr	M/ICP	ppm	1.1	0.23	10.7	46
Rb	M/ICP	ppm	1.5	0.86	28.8	95
S	M/ICP	%	0.02	0.01	21.9	95
Sb	M/ICP	ppm	5.8	3.3	28.7	104
Sc	M/ICP	ppm	3.9	1.1	14.2	96
Se	M/ICP	ppm	0.90	0.42	23.3	26
SG			4.1	0.33	4.1	140
Si	M/ICP	%	6.1	0.33	2.7	15
Sm	M/ICP	ppm	0.9	0.18	9.9	46
Sr	M/ICP	ppm	3.3	1.3	20.1	104
Ta	M/ICP	ppm	0.22	0.10	22.1	72
Tb	M/ICP	ppm	0.16	0.04	11.5	61
Te	M/ICP	ppm	0.14	0.27	96.4	55
Th	M/ICP	ppm	4.1	0.64	7.8	91
Ti	M/ICP	%	0.10	0.02	12.4	111
Tl	M/ICP	ppm	0.02	0.01	17.6	35
Tm	M/ICP	ppm	0.11	0.03	11.4	40
U	M/ICP	ppm	5.6	0.70	6.3	94
V	M/ICP	ppm	48.0	21.7	22.6	112
W	M/ICP	ppm	13.4	3.8	14.3	103
Y	M/ICP	ppm	6.8	1.2	8.5	107
Yb	M/ICP	ppm	0.89	0.14	7.7	62
Zn	M/ICP	ppm	21.5	15.1	35.0	113