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MATRIX REFERENCE MATERIALS

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AMIS0303

Certified Reference Material

**Gold and Uranium Ore
Witwatersrand, South Africa**

Certificate of Analysis

Recommended Concentrations and Limits^{1, 2} (at two Standard Deviations)

Certified Concentrations

Au Pb Collection	8.78	±	0.42	g/t
U M/ICP	339	±	25	ppm
U XRF	334	±	36	ppm
U ₃ O ₈	402	±	45	ppm
Specific Gravity	2.72	±	0.06	

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, 10 and 13.*
2. *There is additional certified major element data presented on p2 and uncertified trace element data presented as an appendix.*
3. *Or, by applying a chemical conversion factor of U x 1.1793 = U₃O₈; U₃O₈ by multi acid digestion: 399.8 ± 29.5ppm, U₃O₈ by XRF 393.9 ± 42.5ppm.*

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

Certified Concentrations

(from XRF and M/ICP data)

Al ₂ O ₃	8.95	±	0.12	%
CaO	0.46	±	0.02	%
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.15	±	0.01	%
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.95	±	0.06	%
K ₂ O	0.49	±	0.01	%
MgO	0.24	±	0.02	%
P ₂ O ₅	0.052	±	0.006	%
SiO ₂	81.83	±	0.42	%
TiO ₂	0.37	±	0.02	%
S Comb / LECO	0.65	±	0.04	%

Provisional Concentrations

(from XRF and M/ICP data)

MnO	0.05	±	0.01	%
Na ₂ O	0.09	±	0.02	%
LOI	4.22	±	0.56	%

1. Intended Use: AMIS0303 can be used to check the analysis of gold and uranium ores, hosted by siliceous rocks, 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 20). 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: This standard is a blend of Ventersdorp Contact Reef, Carbon Leader Reef and Vaal Reef material provided by Anglo Gold Ashanti in South Africa. It was made from a mixture of pulp reject sample material, collected during routine underground sampling, sourced from mine assay laboratories and blended down to a required grade with silica.

3. Approximate Mineral and Chemical Composition: The major gangue mineral is quartz with minor pyrite, uraninite and thucolite. Gold occurs primarily as discrete grains. Trace element chemistry data from 12 of the labs has been compiled but has not been certified. Summary statistics for this data are set out in the appendix.

4. Appearance: The material is a very fine powder. It is colored a Light Brownish Grey (Corstor 5YR 6/2).

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. Radioactivity: Shipments of this material require special labeling and placarding. AMIS0303 contains U (4.18 Bq/g) and Th (0.16 Bq/g) and is classified as EXCEPTED MATERIAL in terms of "Safety Standards Series No. TS-R-1: Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, International Atomic Energy Agency, 2005, para 403, Table 1".

7. Method of Preparation: The material was crushed, dry-milled and air-classified to <54um. Wet sieve particle size analysis of random samples confirmed the material was 98.5% <54um. 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 the consensus test results were carried out by independent statisticians.

8. Methods of Analysis requested:

1. Au – Pb collection ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
2. Multi-acid digest, including HF, ICP- OES or ICP-MS (M/ICP). Multi element scan to include U.
3. U XRF.
4. Majors (Al₂O₃, CaO, Cr₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, K₂O, MgO, MnO, Na₂O, SiO₂, TiO₂. LOI.) XRF fusion.
5. SG (gas pycnometer).
6. Additionally, XRF analyses were requested for the major elements and a multi-element multi acid digest and ICP scan was requested for the trace elements.

9. Information requested:

1. State aliquots used for all determinations.
2. Report all results for gold and uranium in ppm.
3. All results for major elements to be reported as oxides in percentages.
4. All results for multi-element scans to be reported in ppm.
5. Report all QC data, to include replicates, blanks and certified reference materials used.
6. State and provide brief description of analytical techniques used.

10. Method of Certification: Thirty three laboratories were each given eight randomly selected packages of sample. Twenty eight 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”.

11. Participating Laboratories: The 28 out of 33 laboratories that provided results timeously were (not in same order as in the table of assays):

1. ACME Analytical Laboratories Ltd (Vancouver CA)
2. Activation Laboratories Pty Ltd (ActLabs) (Toronto CA)
3. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group (Johannesburg ZA)
4. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group (Perth AU)
5. ALS Chemex Laboratory Group (Vancouver CA)
6. Anglo Gold Ashanti - Navachab Gold Mine Laboratory Namibia (NA)
7. Chromatech Services (ZA)
8. Genalysis Laboratory Services (Perth AU)
9. Intertek Utama Services (Djakarta ID)
10. Performance Laboratories (Barberton ZA)
11. Performance Laboratories (Allanridge Freestate, ZA)
12. Performance Laboratories (Randfontein, ZA)
13. Performance Laboratories (Harare ZW)
14. Rossing Uranium Limited (NA)
15. Set Point Laboratories (Isando, ZA)
16. SGS Australia Pty Ltd (Newburn AU)
17. SGS Geosol Laboratories Ltda (BR)
18. SGS Mineral Services (Lakefield CA)
19. SGS Mwanza (TZ)
20. SGS South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Booyens ZA)
21. SGS Mineral Services (Toronto CA)
22. SGS Mineral Services (Townsville AU)
23. SGS Mineral Services (Vancouver CA)
24. Super Laboratory Services (Balfour ZA)
25. Super Laboratory Services (Klerksdorp ZA)
26. Super Laboratory Services (Springs ZA)
27. Super Laboratory Services (Randfontein ZA)
28. Ultra Trace (Pty) Ltd (Perth AU)

12. Assay Data: Data as received from the laboratories for the important certified elements listed on p1 are set out below. Note that the major oxide results mix XRF and M/ICP data.

Lab Code	Au Pb Coll ppm	U M/ICP ppm	U XRF ppm	U3O8 XRF ppm	Al2O3 XRF %	CaO XRF %	Cr2O3 XRF %	Fe2O3 XRF %	K2O XRF %	MgO XRF %	MnO XRF %	Na2O XRF %	SiO2 XRF %	TiO2 XRF %	LOI %	S Comb/LECO %	SG pyc
A	8.64																
A	8.88																
A	8.59																
A	8.92																
A	8.72																
A	8.67																
A	8.76																
A	8.76																
E		334														0.66	
E		337														0.66	
E		338														0.63	
E		337														0.66	
E		343														0.65	
E		344														0.66	
E		337														0.66	
E		341														0.66	

Assay data (cont)

Lab Code	Au Pb Coll ppm	U M/ICP ppm	U XRF ppm	U3O8 XRF ppm	Al2O3 XRF %	CaO XRF %	Cr2O3 XRF %	Fe2O3 XRF %	K2O XRF %	MgO XRF %	MnO XRF %	Na2O XRF %	SiO2 XRF %	TiO2 XRF %	LOI %	S Comb/LECO %	SG pyc
ZD	8.64		361	425													
ZD	8.66		359	424													
ZD	8.84		360	424													
ZD	8.66		359	424													
ZD	8.96		360	425													
ZD	8.74		360	425													
ZD	8.76		361	426													
ZD	8.72		359	424													
ZE	9.38	323	325									0.08					2.74
ZE	9.64	333	323									0.08					2.73
ZE	9.40	321	323									0.08					2.68
ZE	8.97	325	324									0.08					2.69
ZE	9.01	324	320									0.08					2.69
ZE	9.20	334	324									0.08					2.70
ZE	9.36	333	319									0.09					2.70
ZE	9.31	315	326									0.08					2.67
ZF	8.71																
ZF	8.66																
ZF	8.96																
ZF	8.91																
ZF	8.78																
ZF	8.70																
ZF	8.74																
ZF	8.69																
ZG	8.97																
ZG	8.97																
ZG	9.08																
ZG	8.60																
ZG	8.52																
ZG	8.95																
ZG	8.80																
ZG	8.60																

13. Measurement of Uncertainty:

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 ¹	σ_L ²	Sw ³	CSU ⁴
Au	Pb Coll	ppm	0.213	0.083	0.190	0.024
U	M/ICP	ppm	12.45	8.699	6.606	2.595
U	XRF	ppm	17.97	16.75	6.693	5.964
U3O8	XRF	ppm	22.30	35.58	8.545	17.83
Al2O3	XRF	%	0.064	0.046	0.034	0.014
CaO	XRF	%	0.008	0.005	0.006	0.002
Cr2O3	XRF	%	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.001
Fe2O3	XRF	%	0.028	0.019	0.015	0.006
K2O	XRF	%	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.001
LOI		%	0.284	0.237	0.046	0.069
MgO	XRF	%	0.009	0.007	0.006	0.002
Na2O	XRF	%	0.009	0.007	0.006	0.002
P2O5	XRF	%	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.0009
SiO2	XRF	%	0.213	0.113	0.169	0.039
TiO2	XRF	%	0.008	0.006	0.005	0.002
S	Comb/LECO	%	0.017	0.013	0.009	0.004
SG	pycnometer		0.029	0.013	0.009	0.004

1. S - Std Dev for use on control charts.
2. σ_L - Betw Lab Std Dev, for use to calculate a measure of accuracy.
3. Sw - 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.

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

15. 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 and who have maintained measurement traceability during the analytical process.

16. Certification: AMIS0303 is a new material.

17. 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 website.

18. 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.

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

20. 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.

21. 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	1.03	0.34	16.7	86
Al	M/ICP	%	4.67	0.54	5.76	96
As	M/ICP	ppm	127	16.2	6.37	83
Ba	M/ICP	ppm	210	15.4	3.67	93
Be	M/ICP	ppm	1.11	0.35	15.5	76
Bi	M/ICP	ppm	0.92	0.12	6.64	85
Ca	M/ICP	%	0.33	0.04	6.79	98
Cd	M/ICP	ppm	0.29	0.08	13.1	68
Ce	M/ICP	ppm	56.6	5.44	4.81	73
Co	M/ICP	ppm	35.7	5.45	7.63	95
Cr	M/ICP	ppm	715	279	19.5	98
Cs	M/ICP	ppm	1.78	0.20	5.55	56
Cu	M/ICP	ppm	177	13.60	3.85	82
Dy	M/ICP	ppm	4.96	0.91	9.13	31
Er	M/ICP	ppm	2.50	0.45	8.93	31
Eu	M/ICP	ppm	0.90	0.11	6.01	31
Fe	M/ICP	%	2.05	0.15	3.71	99
Ga	M/ICP	ppm	12.3	1.24	5.03	71
Gd	M/ICP	ppm	6.03	5.05	41.9	38
Ge	M/ICP	ppm	0.51	0.79	77.8	32
Hf	M/ICP	ppm	3.34	0.99	14.8	79
Ho	M/ICP	ppm	1.26	1.83	72.6	37
In	M/ICP	ppm	0.04	0.02	25.3	67
K	M/ICP	%	0.40	0.05	5.71	102
La	M/ICP	ppm	27.4	5.06	9.24	88
Li	M/ICP	ppm	27.3	4.67	8.57	92
Lu	M/ICP	ppm	0.29	0.05	9.02	55
Mg	M/ICP	%	0.14	0.02	7.78	92
Mn	M/ICP	ppm	347	31.65	4.56	95
Mo	M/ICP	ppm	5.09	0.99	9.69	87
Na	M/ICP	%	0.07	0.01	10.9	101
Nb	M/ICP	ppm	8.17	1.45	8.89	94
Nd	M/ICP	ppm	27.1	29.7	54.8	36
Ni	M/ICP	ppm	67.4	6.32	4.69	81
P	M/ICP	ppm	204	53.66	13.2	72
Pb	M/ICP	ppm	167	33.43	9.99	88
Pd	M/ICP	ppm	23.7	0.59	1.25	8
Pr	M/ICP	ppm	5.96	0.49	4.08	31
Rb	M/ICP	ppm	22.0	3.37	7.64	74
Re	M/ICP	ppm	0.01	0.00	31.1	27
S	M/ICP	%	0.64	0.04	3.22	76
Sb	M/ICP	ppm	7.80	1.17	7.50	90
Sc	M/ICP	ppm	5.96	1.19	10.0	80
Se	M/ICP	ppm	2.29	0.90	19.7	30
Si	M/ICP	%	38.0	0.35	0.46	8
Sm	M/ICP	ppm	4.58	2.93	32.0	40
Sn	M/ICP	ppm	2.22	0.49	11.2	72
Sr	M/ICP	ppm	53.6	11.5	10.7	94
Ta	M/ICP	ppm	1.44	0.38	13.2	80
Tb	M/ICP	ppm	0.85	0.13	7.56	53
The	M/ICP	ppm	0.14	0.07	24.4	59
Th	M/ICP	ppm	39.3	4.48	5.71	81
Ti	M/ICP	%	0.21	0.03	6.55	94
Tl	M/ICP	ppm	0.20	0.12	29.0	72
Tm	M/ICP	ppm	43.8	223	254	37
V	M/ICP	ppm	61.1	5.21	4.26	90
W	M/ICP	ppm	1.95	0.28	7.12	80
Y	M/ICP	ppm	20.4	3.97	9.71	92
Yb	M/ICP	ppm	2.16	0.22	5.11	49
Zn	M/ICP	ppm	101	13.3	6.58	83
Zr	M/ICP	ppm	117	30.9	13.2	90