

## **CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL RRM Au004**

### **PRODUCT: LOW LEVEL GOLD CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

Certificate Number: RRM CRM Au004 REV:000

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**Table 1 Au004 – Summary of Results**

Analyte (Unit)	Assigned value	Standard Deviation		95% Confidence Limits	
		Within Laboratory	Between Laboratory	Lower	Upper
Au ppm	0.056	0.003	0.009	0.051	0.060

#### **Prepared and Supplied:**

Certified Reference Material Au004 has been prepared, certified and is supplied by;

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Since most techniques employing analytical instrumentation are comparative, these techniques require a sample of known composition (CRM) for accurate calibration. Grade and Matrix matched CRM's are thus vital to the core of the analytical chemistry industry.

### Origin of Material:

RRM Au004 was prepared from a range of siliceous gold bearing samples combined to provide the desired gold grade achieved and within a Silicate; low Carbon, low Iron, low Sulphur matrix.

**Country of Origin:** Australia.

### Preparation of Material:

The material constituting RRM Au004 has been prepared according to ISO 17034:2016, and includes the following:

- Drying to constant mass
- Crushing and dry milling to nominal 53µm particle size
- Homogenization
- Systematic rotary division of the entire lot
- Packaging
  - 200-1000g sealed tubs
  - 30g-150g geochem pouches, vacuum sealed in barrier foil

### Method of Analysis:

The analysis of the test samples has been conducted according to routine analytical procedures at each of the participating laboratories. The 'industry standard' Fire assay procedure, with instrumental finish was employed by the participating laboratories.

### Statistical Evaluation:

Results received from the inter-laboratory study have been subjected to statistical evaluation. Statistically invalid outliers were excluded from the final evaluation. Gold by Fire Assay achieved in this particular inter-laboratory study is regarded as acceptable; this is a certified value.

**Table 2 Au004 – Statistical Evaluation**

Gold - Au	
Assigned value (ppm)	0.056
Number of Laboratories	11
Number of Analyses	36
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.009
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.003
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	15.4 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	5.48 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.002
Lower confidence limit	0.051
Upper confidence limit	0.060
Lower limit of tolerance	0.038
Upper limit of tolerance	0.073

### Informational Values:

Gold by Aqua Regia digestion Instrumental Finish was conducted at 6 laboratories in order to provide informational values for this material for this particular method.

**Table 3 Au004 – Statistics (Au by Aqua Regia Digest)**

Gold - Au (Aqua Regia)	
Assigned value (ppm)	0.053
Number of Laboratories	6
Number of Analyses	14
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.009
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.008
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	17.5 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	14.7 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.003
Lower confidence limit	0.047
Upper confidence limit	0.059
Lower limit of tolerance	0.034
Upper limit of tolerance	0.072

### Participating Laboratories:

A list of the 11 participating laboratories (not in the same order as the results on the data tables) is presented in the table below:

**Table 4 Au004 – Participating Laboratories**

ALS Geochemistry (Brisbane), Australia
ALS Geochemistry (Loughrea), Ireland
ALS Geochemistry (Perth), Australia
ALS Geochemistry (Vancouver), Canada
Aurum Laboratories, Australia
Bureau Veritas (Perth), Australia
Bureau Veritas (Swakopmund), Namibia
Intertek Minerals (Maddington), Australia
MinAnalytical, Australia
Nagrom, Australia
SGS (Perth), Australia

### Intended Use:

The Certified Reference Material RRM Au004 is intended to be used in analytical laboratories that analyse samples of similar grades (as presented in this certificate of analysis) and matrix (silicate; low carbon, low iron, low sulphur).

- Monitoring of routine laboratory performance (both internal and external)
- Method development and method validation
- Instrument calibration

**Instructions before Use:**

Safety precautions (in-line with safe laboratory practices) for handling fine particulate matter are advised; such as the use of safety glasses, dust masks, gloves and a laboratory coats.

**Minimum Sample Size:**

Based on an the results of the homogeneity assessment and evaluation of results submitted by the laboratories contributing certification data, the minimum size of a test portion is recommended to be 25g.

**Analysis Validity:**

The property value for RRM Au004 Certified Reference Material remains valid provided that good laboratory practice is observed during handling and storage.

The material is in fine powder form and may be hygroscopic in nature. The material may be required to be dried at 105°C until constant mass is achieved.

**Traceability:**

The characterization of this material has been achieved by inter-laboratory study, each laboratory using an appropriate analytical method. These methods are calibrated against traceable standard solutions and analysed against appropriate Certified Reference Materials.

**Revisions:**

This certificate is version 0.00 for the material RRM-Au004; and is intended to be a 'live document' intended to reflect progress in analytical chemistry. In that, any significant new data and information could be added at any time to ensure the currency and relevance of the certification. Any revisions to this Certificate of Analysis will be made available via the company website ([www.resourcereferencematerials.com](http://www.resourcereferencematerials.com)).

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**References:**

ISO 17034:2016 General requirements for the competence of reference material producers

DRAFT ISO GUIDE 35:2016 Reference materials — Guidance for the characterization and the assessment of the homogeneity and stability of the material

ISO 5725-2:1994 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results - Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method

ISO 13528:2015 Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison

ISO 17025:2005 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

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