

Premium Certified Reference Material RRM Fe-115

PRODUCT: IRON ORE
Pilbara Region Western Australian
CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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Table 1 Fe-115 Constituents (ISO 2596:2006 Hygroscopic Moisture Corrected)

Analyte (Unit)	Assigned value	Standard Deviation		95% Confidence Limits		Number of Laboratories	Number of Analyses	Mean of number of analyses per Laboratory
		Within Laboratory	Between Laboratory	Lower	Upper			
Fe (%)	43,83	0,28	0,36	43,66	44,00	10	35	3,5
Fe calculated (%)	43,21	0,16	0,23	43,09	43,32	10	35	3,5
SiO ₂ (%)	17,29	0,26	0,31	17,15	17,43	10	35	3,5
Al ₂ O ₃ (%)	9,88	0,06	0,10	9,83	9,93	10	35	3,5
TiO ₂ (%)	0,909	0,010	0,024	0,895	0,923	10	35	3,5
Mn (%)	0,399	0,005	0,006	0,396	0,402	10	35	3,5
CaO (%)	0,136	0,002	0,003	0,134	0,137	10	35	3,5
MgO (%)	0,239	0,006	0,010	0,234	0,244	10	35	3,5
K ₂ O (%)	0,036	0,001	0,002	0,036	0,037	10	35	3,5
Na ₂ O (%)	0,039	0,008	0,013	0,032	0,046	9	32	3,6
P (%)	0,031	0,001	0,001	0,031	0,032	10	35	3,5
S (%)	0,064	0,002	0,002	0,063	0,065	9	31	3,4
LOI-371 %	6,60	0,10	0,15	6,45	6,76	2	22	11,0
LOI-425 %	7,24	0,11	0,20	7,09	7,38	7	39	5,6
LOI-650 %	8,68	0,06	0,10	8,62	8,75	8	43	5,4
LOI-1000 %	8,75	0,10	0,13	8,70	8,80	12	57	4,8
Cl (%)	0,005	-	0,002	0,004	0,007	9	32	3,6
As (%)	0,006	0,002	0,003	0,004	0,008	9	32	3,6
Ba (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,001	9	32	3,6
Co (%)	0,010	0,001	0,002	0,009	0,011	9	32	3,6
Cu (%)	0,008	0,002	0,003	0,007	0,010	9	32	3,6
Cr (%)	0,003	0,001	0,001	0,002	0,003	7	20	2,9
Ni (%)	0,03	0,003	0,006	0,026	0,034	8	30	3,8
Pb (%)	0,017	0,001	0,002	0,016	0,018	9	32	3,6
Sn (%)	0,012	0,001	0,002	0,011	0,013	9	32	3,6
Sr (%)	0,001	0,001	0,002	0,001	0,002	8	28	3,5
V (%)	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,003	8	30	3,8
Zn (%)	0,017	0,001	0,002	0,016	0,018	9	32	3,6
Zr (%)	0,024	0,001	0,002	0,023	0,026	9	28	3,1

Table 2 Fe-115 Constituents (non-hygroscopically moisture corrected)

Analyte (Unit)	Assigned value	Standard Deviation		95% Confidence Limits		Number of Laboratories	Number of Analyses	Mean of number of analyses per Laboratory
		Within Laboratory	Between Laboratory	Lower	Upper			
Fe (%)	43,34	0,15	0,28	43,23	43,46	20	78	3,9
Fe calculated (%)	43,06	0,15	0,23	42,98	43,14	20	78	3,9
SiO ₂ (%)	17,10	0,11	0,17	17,03	17,16	20	78	3,9
Al ₂ O ₃ (%)	9,74	0,06	0,11	9,69	9,78	20	78	3,9
TiO ₂ (%)	0,900	0,007	0,012	0,895	0,905	20	78	3,9
Mn (%)	0,393	0,003	0,005	0,391	0,395	19	72	3,8
CaO (%)	0,130	0,002	0,007	0,127	0,133	20	78	3,9
MgO (%)	0,241	0,008	0,025	0,229	0,253	20	78	3,9
K ₂ O (%)	0,035	0,002	0,003	0,034	0,037	20	78	3,9
Na ₂ O (%)	0,032	0,011	0,015	0,026	0,038	14	58	4,1
P (%)	0,032	0,001	0,001	0,032	0,032	20	78	3,9
S (%)	0,062	0,002	0,004	0,061	0,064	19	74	3,9
LOI-371 %	7,03	0,11	0,18	6,92	7,13	10	55	5,5
LOI-425 %	7,66	0,18	0,35	7,42	7,89	8	41	5,1
LOI-650 %	9,07	0,11	0,20	8,97	9,18	13	66	5,1
LOI-1000 %	9,23	0,14	0,20	9,16	9,30	22	101	4,6
Cl (%)	0,005	0,001	0,002	0,005	0,006	13	52	4,0
As (%)	0,009	0,002	0,004	0,007	0,011	13	52	4,0
Ba (%)	0,001	0,001	0,002	0,001	0,002	8	29	3,6
Co (%)	0,011	0,001	0,002	0,010	0,012	13	52	4,0
Cu (%)	0,008	0,001	0,003	0,007	0,010	13	52	4,0
Cr (%)	0,004	0,001	0,003	0,002	0,006	10	38	3,8
Ni (%)	0,029	0,003	0,004	0,027	0,031	9	34	3,8
Pb (%)	0,018	0,001	0,002	0,016	0,019	8	27	3,4
Sn (%)	0,013	0,003	0,004	0,011	0,015	9	37	4,1
Sr (%)	0,001	0,001	0,002	0,001	0,002	7	22	3,1
V (%)	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,002	7	23	3,3
Zn (%)	0,016	0,001	0,001	0,016	0,017	8	27	3,4
Zr (%)	0,026	0,001	0,002	0,025	0,027	6	23	3,8

Introduction:

Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) are used by laboratories to prove the value of their service offerings and for clients of laboratories to evaluate and monitor laboratory performance. CRMs must comply with high metrological requirements and ensuring traceability of measurement results.

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.

Preparation of Material:

The material constituting RRM Fe-115 has been 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, to final aliquot
- Packaging
- Rotary divided to nominal 250g sealed jars
- Rotary divided to nominal 10g geochem pouches, vacuum sealed in barrier foil
- Custom package sizes available on request

Unique to RRM, rotary division of all material to final packaging.

Methods of Analysis:

The analysis of the test samples has been conducted according to each individual laboratory's routine analytical procedures. The material has been dried at 105°C until constant mass was achieved, or corrected for moisture according to ISO 2596:2006. Each test sample has been prepared, analyzed and reported in duplicate; with results reported on a dry basis.

Elements and Oxides determined as follows:

- Multi-element Iron Ore Suite – XRF fused disc analysis
- Loss on Ignition – Thermo Gravimetric Analysis

Homogeneity Evaluation:

For the evaluation of the homogeneity of the Fe-115 material, 14 samples were selected throughout the batch for analysis in duplicate. ANOVA (one-way analysis of variance) was used to assess the homogeneity for measured Iron and total Loss on Ignition. No significant variation was observed for both 'batch' and 'within unit' exercises. The results and statistical evaluation from the interlaboratory studies (presented in Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6) further validate the homogeneity. The material can thus be considered fit for purpose for use as a CRM.

Statistical Evaluation:

We have grouped the laboratories according to the method of determining moisture. Certain laboratories determine the dry weight of iron ore samples at 105°C, whilst some use the ISO 2596:2006 correction for hygroscopic moisture. Some iron ore types report different moisture values for each of these methods, which in turn influences the chemical analysis as the determined moisture content has an influence on the dry starting mass.

A comprehensive statistical evaluation of the results received from the various laboratories was performed. Outliers were identified and removed from the data sets for the certification exercise.

The assigned values are the mean of means after removal of outliers. All constituents reported with a between laboratory % RSD of <5% are regarded as certified values.

Table 3 Fe-115 Statistical Evaluation (Hygroscopic Moisture Corrected)

Analyte (Unit)	Fe (%)	Fe calc (%)	SiO ₂ (%)	Al ₂ O ₃ (%)	TiO ₂ (%)	Mn (%)	CaO (%)
Assigned value	43.83	43.21	17.29	9.88	0.909	0.399	0.136
Number of Laboratories	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Number of Analyses	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.36	0.23	0.31	0.10	0.024	0.006	0.003
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.28	0.16	0.26	0.06	0.010	0.005	0.002
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.82 %	0.52 %	1.81 %	0.99 %	2.66 %	1.62 %	2.50 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.63 %	0.36 %	1.50 %	0.61 %	1.09 %	1.28 %	1.81 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.085	0.058	0.069	0.026	0.007	0.001	0.001
Lower confidence limit	43.66	43.09	17.15	9.83	0.895	0.396	0.134
Upper confidence limit	44.00	43.32	17.43	9.93	0.923	0.402	0.137
Lower limit of tolerance	43.11	42.75	16.67	9.67	0.861	0.386	0.129
Upper limit of tolerance	44.55	43.66	17.91	10.08	0.957	0.412	0.143

Analyte (Unit)	P (%)	S (%)	MgO (%)	K ₂ O (%)	Na ₂ O (%)	As (%)	Cl (%)
Assigned value	0.031	0.064	0.239	0.036	0.039	0.005	0.006
Number of Laboratories	10	9	10	10	9	9	9
Number of Analyses	35	31	35	35	32	32	32
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.002	0.010	0.002	0.013	0.002	0.003
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.002	0.006	0.001	0.008	0.000	0.002
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	2.46 %	3.38 %	4.01 %	4.55 %	32 %	43 %	53 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.78 %	2.52 %	2.52 %	3.37 %	21 %	8.88 %	32 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	0.001	0.003	-	0.004	0.001	0.001
Lower confidence limit	0.031	0.063	0.234	0.036	0.032	0.004	0.004
Upper confidence limit	0.032	0.065	0.244	0.037	0.046	0.007	0.008
Lower limit of tolerance	0.030	0.060	0.220	0.033	0.013	0.001	0.000
Upper limit of tolerance	0.033	0.069	0.258	0.040	0.065	0.010	0.013

Analyte (Unit)	Co (%)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ba (%)	Cr (%)	Ni (%)
Assigned value	0.001	0.010	0.008	0.003	0.030	0.017	0.012
Number of Laboratories	9	9	9	7	8	9	9
Number of Analyses	32	32	32	20	30	32	32
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.006	0.002	0.002
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	-	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	99 %	19.4 %	33 %	27 %	18.8 %	10.5 %	16.3 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	77 %	8.21 %	21 %	20 %	9.44 %	6.49 %	6.72 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	0.001	0.001	-	0.002	0.001	0.001
Lower confidence limit	-	0.009	0.007	0.002	0.026	0.016	0.011

Upper confidence limit	0.001	0.011	0.010	0.003	0.034	0.018	0.013
Lower limit of tolerance	-	0.006	0.003	0.001	0.019	0.014	0.008
Upper limit of tolerance	0.002	0.014	0.014	0.004	0.041	0.021	0.016

Analyte (Unit)	Sn (%)	Sr (%)	V (%)	Zr (%)
Assigned value	0.001	0.002	0.017	0.024
Number of Laboratories	8	8	9	9
Number of Analyses	28	30	32	28
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.002
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	118 %	56 %	9.84 %	8.65 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	104 %	27 %	5.11 %	2.06 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	-	-	0.001
Lower confidence limit	0.001	0.001	0.016	0.023
Upper confidence limit	0.002	0.003	0.018	0.026
Lower limit of tolerance	-	-	0.014	0.020
Upper limit of tolerance	0.005	0.004	0.020	0.029

Table 4 Fe-115 Statistical Evaluation (non-hygroscopically moisture corrected)

Analyte (Unit)	Fe (%)	Fe calc (%)	SiO ₂ (%)	Al ₂ O ₃ (%)	TiO ₂ (%)	Mn (%)	CaO (%)
Assigned value	43.34	43.06	17.10	9.74	0.900	0.393	0.130
Number of Laboratories	20	20	20	20	20	19	20
Number of Analyses	78	78	78	78	78	72	78
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.28	0.23	0.17	0.11	0.012	0.005	0.007
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.15	0.15	0.11	0.06	0.007	0.003	0.002
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.65 %	0.53 %	1.01 %	1.17 %	1.34 %	1.30 %	5.52 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.34 %	0.34 %	0.61 %	0.59 %	0.75 %	0.66 %	1.89 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.057	0.042	0.033	0.023	0.002	0.001	0.002
Lower confidence limit	43.23	42.98	17.03	9.69	0.895	0.391	0.127
Upper confidence limit	43.46	43.14	17.16	9.78	0.905	0.395	0.133
Lower limit of tolerance	42.78	42.61	16.75	9.51	0.876	0.382	0.115
Upper limit of tolerance	43.91	43.51	17.44	9.96	0.924	0.403	0.144

Analyte (Unit)	P (%)	S (%)	MgO (%)	K ₂ O (%)	Na ₂ O (%)	As (%)	Cl (%)
Assigned value	0.032	0.062	0.241	0.035	0.032	0.005	0.009
Number of Laboratories	20	19	20	20	14	13	12
Number of Analyses	78	74	78	78	58	52	52
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.004	0.025	0.003	0.015	0.002	0.004

Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.002	0.008	0.002	0.011	0.001	0.002
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	2.63 %	5.87 %	10.5 %	8.58 %	46 %	32 %	43 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	2.15 %	3.71 %	3.29 %	5.47 %	33 %	20 %	20 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.003	-	0.001
Lower confidence limit	0.032	0.061	0.229	0.034	0.026	0.005	0.007
Upper confidence limit	0.032	0.064	0.253	0.037	0.038	0.006	0.011
Lower limit of tolerance	0.030	0.055	0.190	0.029	0.003	0.002	0.001
Upper limit of tolerance	0.033	0.070	0.292	0.042	0.061	0.009	0.016

Analyte (Unit)	Co (%)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ba (%)	Cr (%)	Ni (%)
Assigned value	0.001	0.011	0.008	0.004	0.029	0.018	0.013
Number of Laboratories	8	13	13	10	9	8	9
Number of Analyses	29	52	52	38	34	27	37
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.004
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	141 %	17.9 %	33 %	67 %	13.2 %	12.1 %	27 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	98 %	6.58 %	10.6 %	22 %	12.1 %	4.93 %	24 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Lower confidence limit	-	0.010	0.007	0.002	0.027	0.016	0.011
Upper confidence limit	0.002	0.012	0.010	0.006	0.031	0.019	0.015
Lower limit of tolerance	-	0.007	0.003	-	0.021	0.013	0.006
Upper limit of tolerance	0.005	0.014	0.013	0.010	0.037	0.022	0.020

Analyte (Unit)	Sn (%)	Sr (%)	V (%)	Zr (%)
Assigned value	0.001	0.002	0.016	0.026
Number of Laboratories	7	7	8	6
Number of Analyses	22	23	27	23
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	189 %	59 %	6.78 %	6.26 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	64 %	53 %	5.37 %	4.61 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.001	-	-	0.001
Lower confidence limit	-	0.001	0.016	0.025
Upper confidence limit	0.002	0.002	0.017	0.027
Lower limit of tolerance	-	-	0.014	0.023
Upper limit of tolerance	0.004	0.003	0.018	0.029

LOI Certified Values:

The LOI statistics from the inter-laboratory study are presented in the table below:

Table 5 Fe-115 LOI Certified Values (Hygroscopic Moisture Corrected)

Determination (Unit)	LOI-371 %	LOI-425 %	LOI-650 %	LOI-1000 %
Assigned value	6.60	7.24	8.68	8.75
Number of Laboratories	2	7	8	12
Number of Analyses	22	39	43	57
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.15	0.20	0.10	0.13
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.10
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	2.21 %	2.81 %	1.17 %	1.43 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.54 %	1.57 %	0.67 %	1.19 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.077	0.071	0.033	0.025
Lower confidence limit	6.45	7.09	8.62	8.70
Upper confidence limit	6.76	7.38	8.75	8.80
Lower limit of tolerance	6.31	6.83	8.48	8.50
Upper limit of tolerance	6.89	7.64	8.89	9.00

Table 6 Fe-115 LOI Certified Values (non-hygroscopically corrected moisture)

Determination (Unit)	LOI-371 %	LOI-425 %	LOI-650 %	LOI-1000 %
Assigned value	7.03	7.66	9.07	9.23
Number of Laboratories	10	8	13	22
Number of Analyses	55	41	66	101
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.18	0.35	0.20	0.20
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.11	0.18	0.11	0.14
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	2.61 %	4.54 %	2.15 %	2.15 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.53 %	2.37 %	1.24 %	1.51 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.052	0.116	0.053	0.035
Lower confidence limit	6.92	7.42	8.97	9.16
Upper confidence limit	7.13	7.86	9.18	9.30
Lower limit of tolerance	6.66	6.96	8.68	8.83
Upper limit of tolerance	7.39	8.35	9.46	9.63

Origin of Material:

This material originates from the iron ore deposits of the Hamersley Group of the Hamersley Iron Province, central Pilbara Craton in Western Australia. The Hamersley Group rocks are early Proterozoic sediments, i.e. shale, siltstone, mudstone, chert, carbonate rocks and banded iron formations. Some minor volcanic units are also present in the Hamersley Group stratigraphy. There are two banded iron ore deposits within the Hamersley Group, the Brockman Iron Formation (approximately 2481±4 Ma) and the older Marra Mamba Iron Formation (approximately 2597±5 Ma). The Brockman Formation consists of cherts, mudstone, siltstone and banded iron formations; and is the main iron ore zone within the Hamersley Group. The iron formation consists of significant amounts of secondary enriched martite-goethite, which has an iron content of between 56 and 63 wt.%. The Marra Mamba Iron Formation is a surface enriched banded iron formation consisting of martite microplaty hematite ores, containing 60 to 68 wt.% iron.

1. Killick, M. F., H. M. Churchward, R. R. Anand (2003) Hamersley Iron Province, Western Australia. CRC LEME, Exploration and Mining.
2. Morris, R. C., M. Kneeshaw, (2011): Genesis modelling for the Hamersley BIF-hosted iron ores of Western Australia: A critical review. Australian Journal of earth sciences 58.

Minor Elements and Specific Gravity:

Informational values for minor elements are provided; results from Lazer Ablation ICP-MS and for Specific Gravity by Helium Pycnometer (results are for a single analysis at one laboratory):

SG (Helium Pycnometer) 3.65

Table 7 Fe-115 Minor Elements

As ppm	Ba ppm	Be ppm	Bi ppm	Cd ppm	Ce ppm	Co ppm	Cs ppm
48,2	303	1,8	0,7	0,2	22	9,7	0,2
Cu ppm	Dy ppm	Er ppm	Eu ppm	Ga ppm	Gd ppm	Ge ppm	Hf ppm
112	1,7	1,09	0,39	19,2	1,19	2,95	6,43
Ho ppm	In ppm	La ppm	Lu ppm	Mn ppm	Mo ppm	Nb ppm	Nd ppm
0,39	0,05	5,73	0,19	4160	1,6	13,5	5,3
Ni ppm	Pb ppm	Pr ppm	Rb ppm	Re ppm	Sb ppm	Sc ppm	Se ppm
128	77	1,38	1,45	0,01	4,6	17,9	-
Sm ppm	Sn ppm	Sr ppm	Ta ppm	Tb ppm	Te ppm	Th ppm	Tl ppm
1,16	3,6	18,5	2,15	0,22	0,8	12,6	-
Tm ppm	U ppm	V ppm	W ppm	Y ppm	Yb ppm	Zn ppm	Zr ppm
0,17	3,89	175	3,1	10,2	1,27	30	242

XRD Analysis:

A sample of Fe-115 was submitted for Quantitative X-Ray Diffraction Analysis after drying at 50°C.

XRDQUANT01 - Quantitative analysis, crystalline and amorphous content

Table 8 Fe-115 Mineral Abundance (XRD)

Mineral	% mass fraction
Hematite Fe_2O_3	22
Goethite $\text{FeO}(\text{OH})$	43
Magnetite Fe_3O_4	ND
Quartz SiO_2	3
Kaolin $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$	2
Anatase TiO_2	1
Pyrolusite MnO_2	1
Amorphous content	30

Particle Size Distribution:

A sample of Fe-115 was submitted for particle size analysis by MICROTRAC S3500 Lazer Diffraction System.

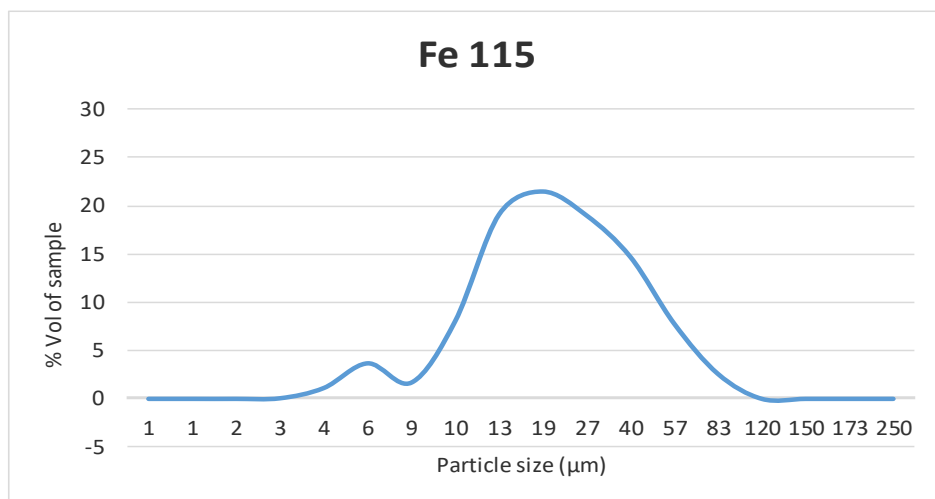


Figure 1 Fe-115 Particle Size Distribution

Spectral Analysis:

A sample of Fe-115 was submitted for analysis by TerraSpec 4 VNIR-SWIR.

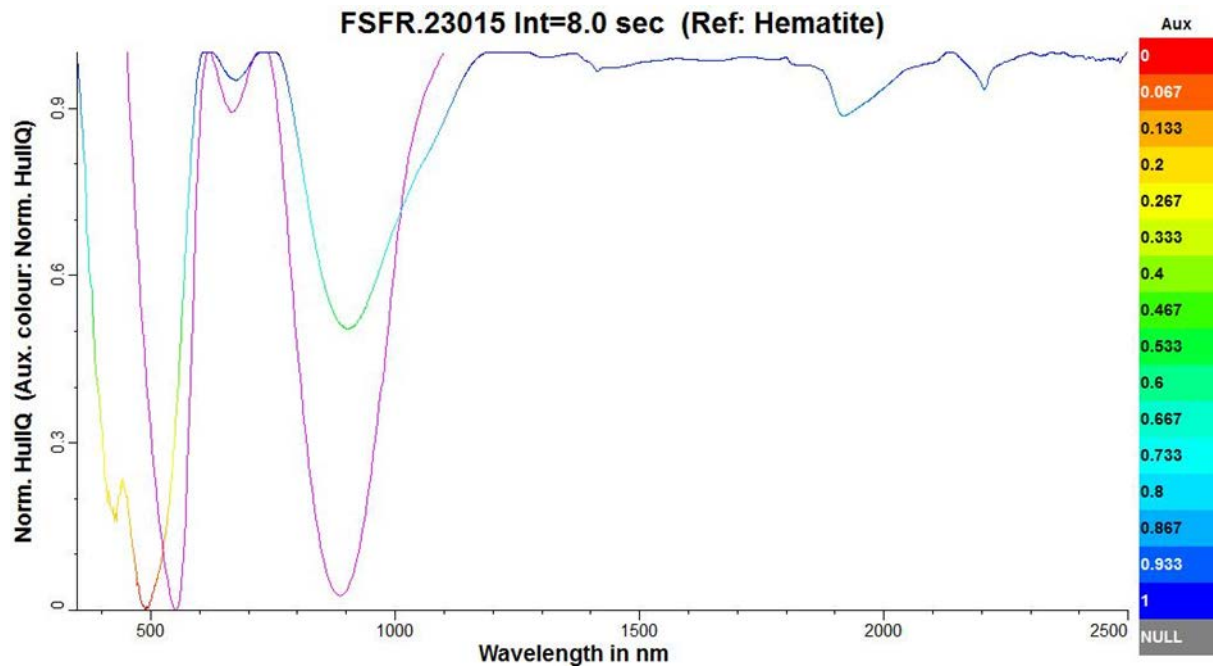


Figure 2 Fe-115 VNIR

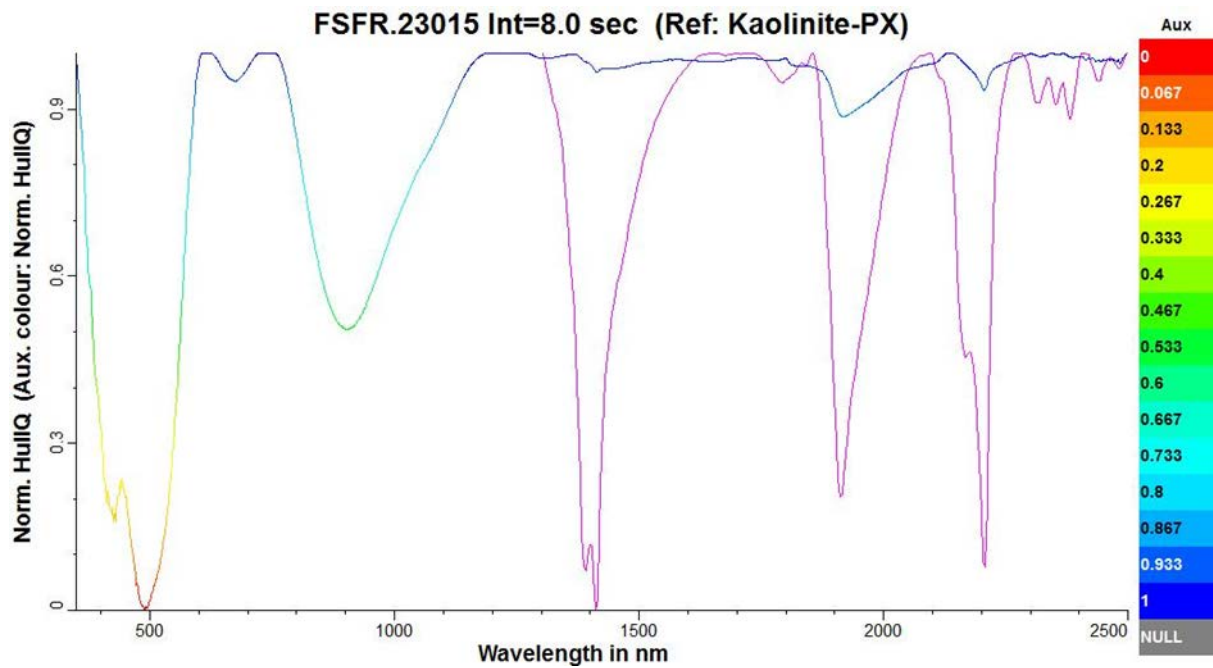


Figure 3 Fe-115 SWIR

FTIR Analysis:

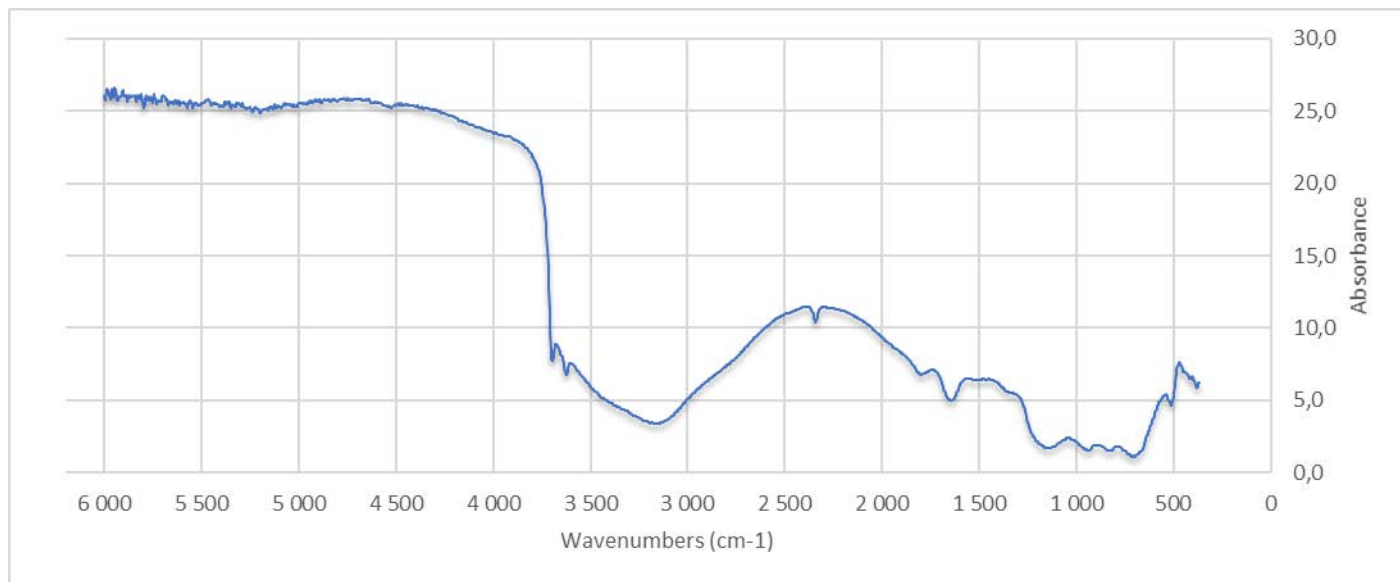


Figure 4 Fe-115 FTIR Spectra

Hygroscopic Moisture:

To illustrate the effect of hygroscopic moisture a sample of RRM Fe-115 underwent water vapour sorption testing.

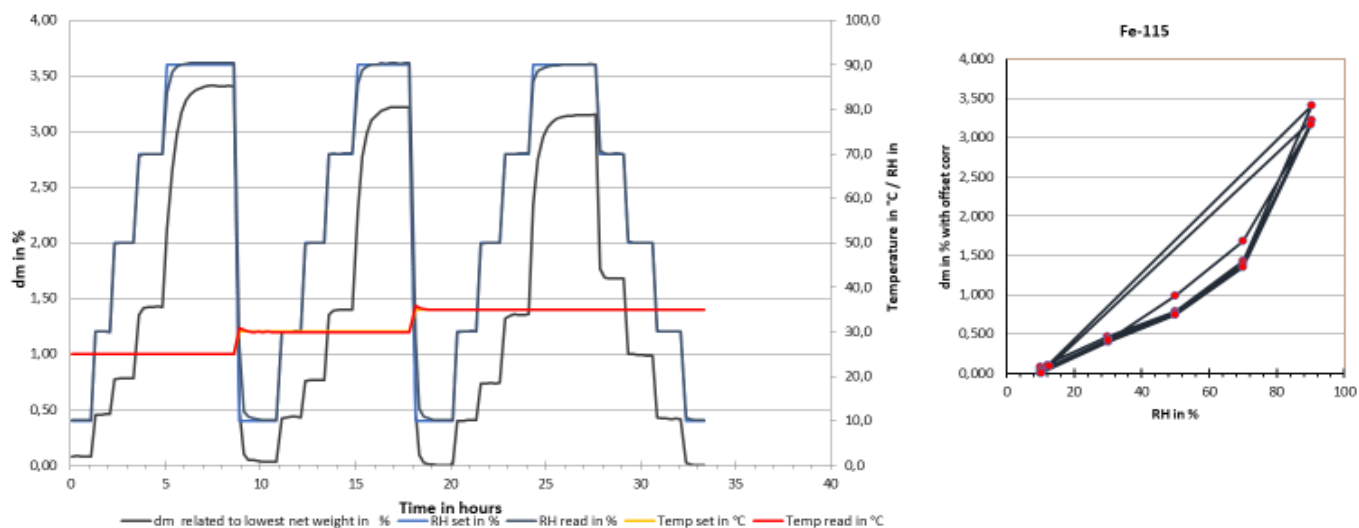


Figure 5 Fe-115 Sorption Testing

From the tests it is clear that hygroscopic moisture could have an impact on the quality of the chemical analysis results and appropriate storage and pre-treatment is highly recommended.

Participating Laboratories:

Table 9 Fe-115 Participating Laboratories

ALS Metallurgy, Australia
ALS Iron Ore, Australia
BHP Billiton Nelson Point Laboratory, Australia
BHP Billiton Newman Laboratory Line 1, Australia
BHP Billiton Newman Laboratory Line 2, Australia
BHP Billiton Newman Laboratory Line 3, Australia
BHP Billiton Newman Laboratory Line 4, Australia
Bureau Veritas, South Australia
Bureau Veritas, Western Australia
Citic Pacific Mining Laboratory, Australia
IMP Automation, Australia
Intertek Maddington, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Anderson Point, Australia
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Intended Use:

The Certified Reference Material RRM Fe-115 is intended to be used in analytical laboratories that analyse samples of similar grades (as presented in this certificate of analysis) and matrix.

- 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 laboratory coats.

Minimum Sample Size:

- Multi-element Iron Ore Suite – XRF fused disc analysis 0.7g
- LOI – 1g

Analysis Validity:

The property values for RRM Fe-115 Certified Reference Material remain 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.

Stability and storage:

This CRM is considered to have long-term stability under normal storage conditions. The CRM is available in different packaging and mass lots. When considering the lot size and said the ISO 16042, which recommends that the total contents of the container holding the CRM prior to its first use be divided in two portions that match the intended test portions.

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 and analysed against high purity materials and appropriate Certified Reference Materials.

Additional Information:

Additional information on material RRM Fe-115 is available on request and includes the following:

- Data Tables
- Statistical Tables
- Particle Size Analysis Data
- Quantitative X-Ray Diffraction Analysis Report
- FTIR Spectral Data
- VNIR-SWIR Spectral Data
- Sorption Testing Data

Revisions:

This certificate is version 0.00 for the material RRM-Fe-115; 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

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References:

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ISO 11536:2015 Iron ores — Determination of loss on ignition — Gravimetric method
ISO 9516-1:2003 Iron ores — Determination of various elements by X-ray fluorescence spectrometry — Part 1: Comprehensive procedure
ISO 2597: 2006 part 3 Iron ores — Determination of hygroscopic moisture in analytical samples — Gravimetric, Karl Fischer and mass-loss methods

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