

## Premium Certified Reference Material RRM Fe-109

PRODUCT: IRON ORE  
Pilbara Region Western Australian  
CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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Table 1 Fe-109 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 (%)	56,38	0,25	0,26	56,24	56,51	8	17	2,1
Fe calculated (%)	56,53	0,06	0,06	56,50	56,56	8	17	2,1
SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	8,59	0,05	0,06	8,56	8,63	8	17	2,1
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	2,30	0,02	0,02	2,29	2,31	8	17	2,1
TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	0,093	0,003	0,004	0,091	0,096	8	17	2,1
Mn (%)	0,734	0,008	0,008	0,730	0,738	8	17	2,1
CaO (%)	0,079	0,002	0,002	0,078	0,080	8	17	2,1
MgO (%)	0,111	0,005	0,005	0,108	0,114	8	17	2,1
K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	0,041	0,002	0,002	0,040	0,042	8	17	2,1
Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	0,027	0,003	0,009	0,020	0,034	7	16	2,3
P (%)	0,050	0,001	0,001	0,049	0,051	8	17	2,1
S (%)	0,036	0,001	0,001	0,035	0,036	7	13	1,9
LOI-371 %	5,66	0,03	0,08	5,58	5,74	3	27	9,0
LOI-425 %	5,89	0,03	0,05	5,86	5,92	9	42	4,7
LOI-650 %	6,43	0,04	0,05	6,41	6,46	8	41	5,1
LOI-1000 %	6,69	0,08	0,09	6,66	6,73	11	44	4,0
Cl (%)	0,004	-	0,003	0,002	0,006	7	15	2,1
As (%)	0,018	0,001	0,001	0,018	0,019	7	16	2,3
Ba (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,002	7	16	2,3
Co (%)	0,001	0,001	0,001	-	0,002	7	16	2,3
Cu (%)	0,002	-	0,002	-	0,004	7	16	2,3
Cr (%)	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,002	0,003	3	6	2,0
Ni (%)	0,011	0,002	0,003	0,009	0,012	6	12	2,0
Pb (%)	0,007	0,001	0,001	0,007	0,008	7	16	2,3
Sn (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,002	7	16	2,3
Sr (%)	-	-	-	-	-	6	12	2,0
V (%)	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	6	12	2,0
Zn (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,002	6	15	2,5
Zr (%)	0,006	-	0,002	0,004	0,008	6	15	2,5

**Table 2 Fe-109 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 (%)	56,36	0,09	0,20	56,28	56,45	17	65	3,8
Fe calculated (%)	56,38	0,04	0,15	56,30	56,45	17	65	3,8
SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	8,55	0,03	0,05	8,52	8,57	17	65	3,8
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	2,28	0,02	0,02	2,27	2,29	17	65	3,8
TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	0,094	0,002	0,003	0,093	0,095	17	65	3,8
Mn (%)	0,735	0,004	0,013	0,728	0,742	17	65	3,8
CaO (%)	0,075	0,001	0,007	0,071	0,079	17	65	3,8
MgO (%)	0,105	0,006	0,018	0,096	0,114	17	65	3,8
K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	0,040	0,001	0,001	0,040	0,041	17	65	3,8
Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	0,025	0,006	0,014	0,018	0,003	12	49	4,1
P (%)	0,051	0,001	0,001	0,050	0,033	17	65	3,8
S (%)	0,034	0,001	0,001	0,051	0,034	16	61	3,8
LOI-371 %	5,88	0,04	0,10	5,81	5,94	10	52	5,2
LOI-425 %	6,09	0,05	0,13	6,01	6,17	8	40	5,0
LOI-650 %	6,65	0,04	0,11	6,59	6,71	12	57	4,8
LOI-1000 %	6,95	0,04	0,15	6,89	7,02	20	93	4,7
Cl (%)	0,002	-	0,002	0,001	0,004	8	30	3,8
As (%)	0,018	0,002	0,003	0,017	0,019	9	36	4,0
Ba (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,001	6	23	3,8
Co (%)	0,001	-	0,001	-	0,002	9	36	4,0
Cu (%)	0,004	0,002	0,003	0,003	0,005	10	35	3,5
Cr (%)	0,002	0,001	0,002	0,001	0,004	6	19	3,2
Ni (%)	0,011	0,001	0,004	0,007	0,015	4	13	3,3
Pb (%)	0,008	0,001	0,001	0,008	0,009	6	21	3,5
Sn (%)	0,002	0,001	0,002	0,001	0,004	6	21	3,5
Sr (%)	0,001	-	0,002	-	0,003	3	11	3,7
V (%)	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,002	3	11	3,7
Zn (%)	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,002	5	15	3,0
Zr (%)	0,009	0,001	0,002	0,007	0,010	5	18	3,6

## 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-109 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-109 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-109 Statistical Evaluation (Hygroscopic Moisture Corrected)**

Analyte (Unit)	Fe (%)	Fe calc (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Mn (%)	CaO (%)
Assigned value	56.38	56.53	8.59	2.30	0.093	0.734	0.079
Number of Laboratories	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Number of Analyses	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.26	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.004	0.008	0.002
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.25	0.06	0.05	0.02	0.003	0.008	0.002
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.46 %	0.11 %	0.67 %	0.84 %	4.31 %	1.07 %	2.37 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.45 %	0.11 %	0.61 %	0.74 %	2.93 %	1.07 %	2.37 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.067	0.016	0.017	0.006	0.001	0.002	-
Lower confidence limit	56.24	56.50	8.56	2.29	0.091	0.730	0.078
Upper confidence limit	56.51	56.56	8.63	2.31	0.096	0.738	0.080
Lower limit of tolerance	55.85	56.41	8.48	2.26	0.085	0.718	0.075
Upper limit of tolerance	56.90	56.65	8.71	2.34	0.101	0.749	0.083

Analyte (Unit)	P (%)	S (%)	MgO (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	As (%)	Cl (%)
Assigned value	0.050	0.036	0.111	0.041	0.027	0.004	0.018
Number of Laboratories	8	7	8	8	7	7	7
Number of Analyses	17	13	17	17	16	15	16
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.009	0.003	0.001
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.003	-	0.001
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.97 %	2.90 %	4.74 %	5.50 %	34 %	65 %	7.57 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.05 %	1.64 %	4.21 %	5.50 %	9.95 %	2.54 %	7.57 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	-	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.001	-
Lower confidence limit	0.049	0.035	0.108	0.040	0.020	0.002	0.018
Upper confidence limit	0.051	0.036	0.114	0.042	0.034	0.006	0.019
Lower limit of tolerance	0.048	0.034	0.100	0.037	0.008	-	0.016
Upper limit of tolerance	0.052	0.038	0.121	0.046	0.046	0.010	0.021

Analyte (Unit)	Co (%)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ba (%)	Cr (%)	Ni (%)
Assigned value	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.011	0.007	0.001
Number of Laboratories	7	7	7	3	6	7	7
Number of Analyses	16	16	16	6	12	16	16
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	-	0.001	-	0.001	0.002	0.001	-
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	121 %	111 %	124 %	35 %	24 %	11.8 %	132 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	38 %	53 %	22 %	35 %	21 %	8.91 %	56 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	-	0.001	-	0.001	-	-
Lower confidence limit	-	-	-	0.002	0.009	0.007	-

Upper confidence limit	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.012	0.008	0.002
Lower limit of tolerance	-	-	-	0.001	0.006	0.006	-
Upper limit of tolerance	0.003	0.004	0.007	0.004	0.016	0.009	0.003

Analyte (Unit)	Sn (%)	Sr (%)	V (%)	Zr (%)
Assigned value	-	0.001	0.001	0.006
Number of Laboratories	6	6	6	6
Number of Analyses	12	12	15	15
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	-	0.001	0.001	0.002
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	-	0.001	-	-
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	-	67 %	95 %	34 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	-	67 %	36 %	1.71 %
Standard Uncertainty	-	-	-	0.001
Lower confidence limit	-	0.001	-	0.004
Upper confidence limit	-	0.001	0.002	0.008
Lower limit of tolerance	-	-	-	0.002
Upper limit of tolerance	-	0.002	0.003	0.010

**Table 4 Fe-109 Statistical Evaluation (non-hygroscopically moisture corrected)**

Analyte (Unit)	Fe (%)	Fe calc (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Mn (%)	CaO (%)
Assigned value	56.36	56.38	8.55	2.28	0.094	0.735	0.075
Number of Laboratories	17	17	17	17	17	14	17
Number of Analyses	65	65	65	65	65	56	65
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.20	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.003	0.013	0.007
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.002	0.004	0.001
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.36 %	0.27 %	0.63 %	1.05 %	3.36 %	1.74 %	9.91 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.17 %	0.06 %	0.38 %	0.75 %	2.37 %	0.48 %	1.28 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.047	0.037	0.012	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.002
Lower confidence limit	56.27	56.30	8.52	2.27	0.093	0.728	0.071
Upper confidence limit	56.45	56.45	8.57	2.29	0.095	0.742	0.079
Lower limit of tolerance	55.95	56.07	8.44	2.23	0.087	0.709	0.060
Upper limit of tolerance	56.77	56.68	8.66	2.33	0.100	0.760	0.090

Analyte (Unit)	P (%)	S (%)	MgO (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	As (%)	Cl (%)
Assigned value	0.051	0.034	0.105	0.040	0.025	0.002	0.018
Number of Laboratories	17	16	17	17	12	8	9
Number of Analyses	65	61	65	65	49	30	36
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.001	0.001	0.018	0.001	0.014	0.002	0.003

<b>Within Laboratory Standard Deviation</b>	0.001	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.006	-	0.002
<b>Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	2.90 %	3.94 %	17.3 %	3.56 %	54 %	765 %	14.7 %
<b>Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	1.15 %	3.12 %	5.79 %	1.41 %	24 %	5.32 %	11.4 %
<b>Standard Uncertainty</b>	-	-	0.004	-	0.004	0.001	0.001
<b>Lower confidence limit</b>	0.050	0.033	0.096	0.040	0.018	0.001	0.017
<b>Upper confidence limit</b>	0.051	0.034	0.114	0.041	0.033	0.004	0.019
<b>Lower limit of tolerance</b>	0.048	0.031	0.069	0.037	-	-	0.013
<b>Upper limit of tolerance</b>	0.054	0.036	0.141	0.043	0.053	0.006	0.023

<b>Analyte (Unit)</b>	<b>Co (%)</b>	<b>Cu (%)</b>	<b>Pb (%)</b>	<b>Zn (%)</b>	<b>Ba (%)</b>	<b>Cr (%)</b>	<b>Ni (%)</b>
<b>Assigned value</b>	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.002	0.011	0.008	0.002
<b>Number of Laboratories</b>	6	9	10	6	4	6	6
<b>Number of Analyses</b>	23	36	35	19	13	21	21
<b>Between Laboratory Standard Deviation</b>	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.004	0.001	0.002
<b>Within Laboratory Standard Deviation</b>	-	-	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
<b>Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	84 %	101 %	65 %	95 %	39 %	9.79 %	89 %
<b>Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	37 %	5.21 %	43 %	40 %	8.93 %	8.50 %	33 %
<b>Standard Uncertainty</b>	-	-	0.001	0.001	0.002	-	0.001
<b>Lower confidence limit</b>	-	-	0.003	0.001	0.007	0.008	0.001
<b>Upper confidence limit</b>	0.001	0.002	0.005	0.004	0.015	0.009	0.004
<b>Lower limit of tolerance</b>	-	-	-	-	0.002	0.007	-
<b>Upper limit of tolerance</b>	0.002	0.004	0.009	0.007	0.019	0.010	0.006

<b>Analyte (Unit)</b>	<b>Sn (%)</b>	<b>Sr (%)</b>	<b>V (%)</b>	<b>Zr (%)</b>
<b>Assigned value</b>	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.009
<b>Number of Laboratories</b>	3	3	5	5
<b>Number of Analyses</b>	11	11	15	18
<b>Between Laboratory Standard Deviation</b>	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002
<b>Within Laboratory Standard Deviation</b>	-	0.001	0.001	0.001
<b>Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	273 %	63 %	64 %	23 %
<b>Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation</b>	57 %	61 %	47 %	9.37 %
<b>Standard Uncertainty</b>	0.001	-	-	0.001
<b>Lower confidence limit</b>	-	0.001	0.001	0.007
<b>Upper confidence limit</b>	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.010
<b>Lower limit of tolerance</b>	-	-	-	0.005
<b>Upper limit of tolerance</b>	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.013

## LOI Certified Values:

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

**Table 5 Fe-109 LOI Certified Values (Hygroscopic Moisture Corrected)**

Determination (Unit)	LOI-371 %	LOI-425 %	LOI-650 %	LOI-1000 %
Assigned value	5.66	5.89	6.43	6.69
Number of Laboratories	3	9	8	11
Number of Analyses	27	42	41	44
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.09
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.08
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.35 %	0.86 %	0.75 %	1.29 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.60 %	0.42 %	0.56 %	1.17 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.040	0.016	0.013	0.016
Lower confidence limit	5.58	5.86	6.41	6.66
Upper confidence limit	5.74	5.92	6.46	6.73
Lower limit of tolerance	5.51	5.79	6.34	6.52
Upper limit of tolerance	5.82	5.99	6.53	6.87

**Table 6 Fe-109 LOI Certified Values (non-hygroscopically corrected moisture)**

Determination (Unit)	LOI-371 %	LOI-425 %	LOI-650 %	LOI-1000 %
Assigned value	5.88	6.09	6.65	6.95
Number of Laboratories	10	8	12	20
Number of Analyses	52	40	57	93
Between Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.15
Within Laboratory Standard Deviation	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04
Between Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	1.73 %	2.05 %	1.62 %	2.13 %
Within Laboratory Relative Standard Deviation	0.64 %	0.76 %	0.63 %	0.58 %
Standard Uncertainty	0.030	0.042	0.029	0.034
Lower confidence limit	5.81	6.01	6.59	6.89
Upper confidence limit	5.94	6.17	6.71	7.02
Lower limit of tolerance	5.67	5.84	6.43	6.66
Upper limit of tolerance	6.08	6.34	6.86	7.25

## 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) 4.48

Table 7 Fe-109 Minor Elements

As ppm	Ba ppm	Be ppm	Bi ppm	Cd ppm	Ce ppm	Co ppm	Cs ppm
27,4	115	0,6	0,1	-	48	14,4	0,24
Cu ppm	Dy ppm	Er ppm	Eu ppm	Ga ppm	Gd ppm	Ge ppm	Hf ppm
16	1,39	1,05	0,4	2,1	1,63	4,85	2,1
Ho ppm	In ppm	La ppm	Lu ppm	Mn ppm	Mo ppm	Nb ppm	Nd ppm
0,31	-	6,18	0,17	7310	1,8	2,02	6,69
Ni ppm	Pb ppm	Pr ppm	Rb ppm	Re ppm	Sb ppm	Sc ppm	Se ppm
24	30	1,8	1,3	-	1,1	4,1	-
Sm ppm	Sn ppm	Sr ppm	Ta ppm	Tb ppm	Te ppm	Th ppm	Tl ppm
1,23	1,2	14,2	0,62	0,21	-	1,7	-
Tm ppm	U ppm	V ppm	W ppm	Y ppm	Yb ppm	Zn ppm	Zr ppm
0,17	2,83	22,4	1,9	10,8	0,99	25	74

## XRD Analysis:

A sample of Fe-109 was submitted for Quantitative X-Ray Diffraction Analysis after drying at 50°C.

XRDQUANT01 - Quantitative analysis, crystalline and amorphous content

Table 8 Fe-109 Mineral Abundance (XRD)

Mineral	% mass fraction
Hematite $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	35
Goethite $\text{FeO}(\text{OH})$	40
Magnetite $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$	ND
Kaolin $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$	1
Quartz $\text{SiO}_2$	5
Amorphous content	19

## Particle Size Distribution:

A sample of Fe-109 was submitted for particle size analysis by MICROTRAC S3500 Lazer Diffraction System.

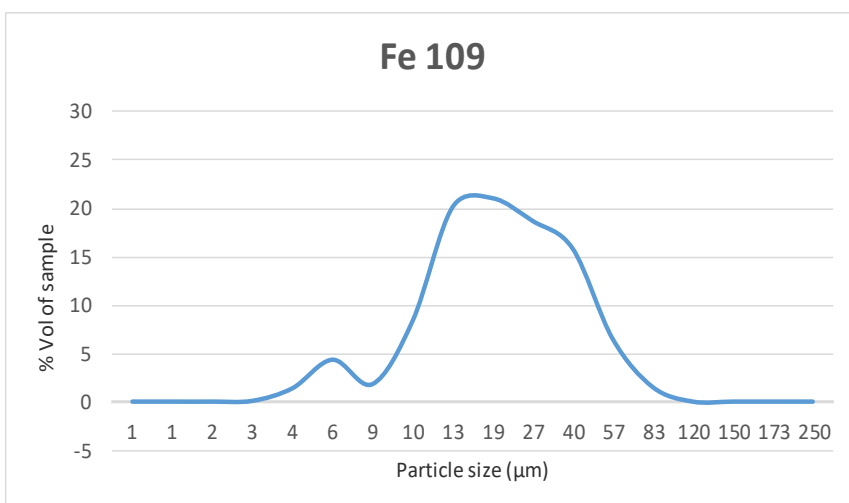


Figure 1 Fe-109 Particle Size Distribution



## Spectral Analysis:

A sample of Fe-109 was submitted for analysis by TerraSpec 4 VNIR-SWIR.

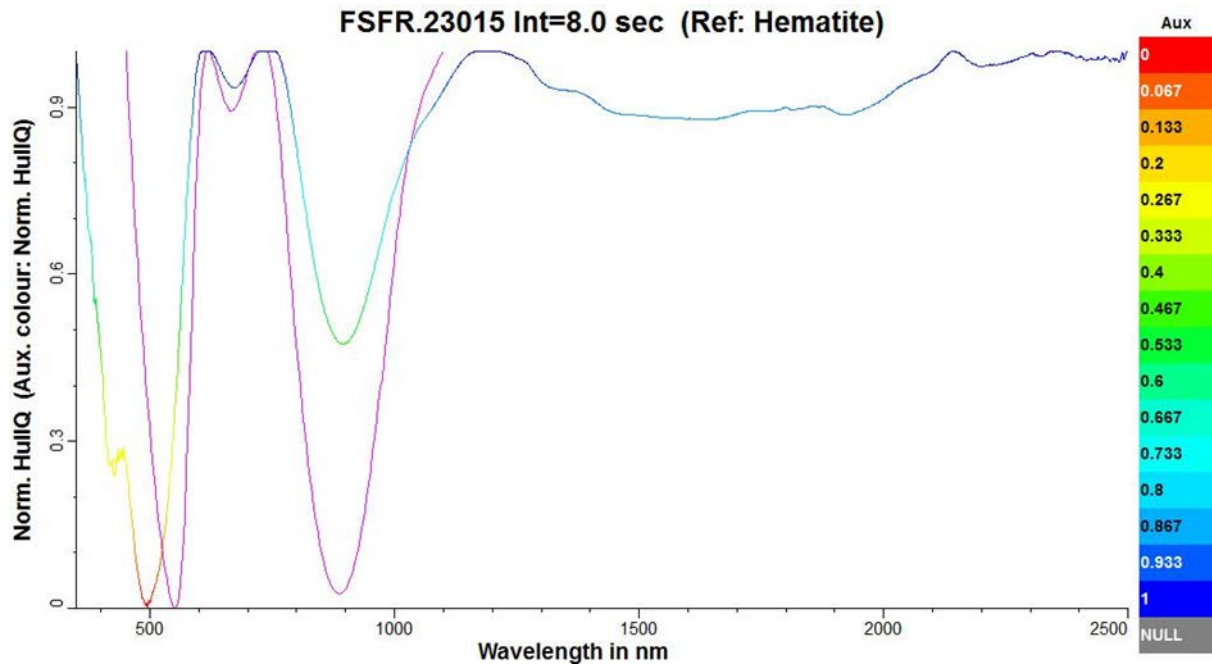


Figure 2 Fe-109 VNIR

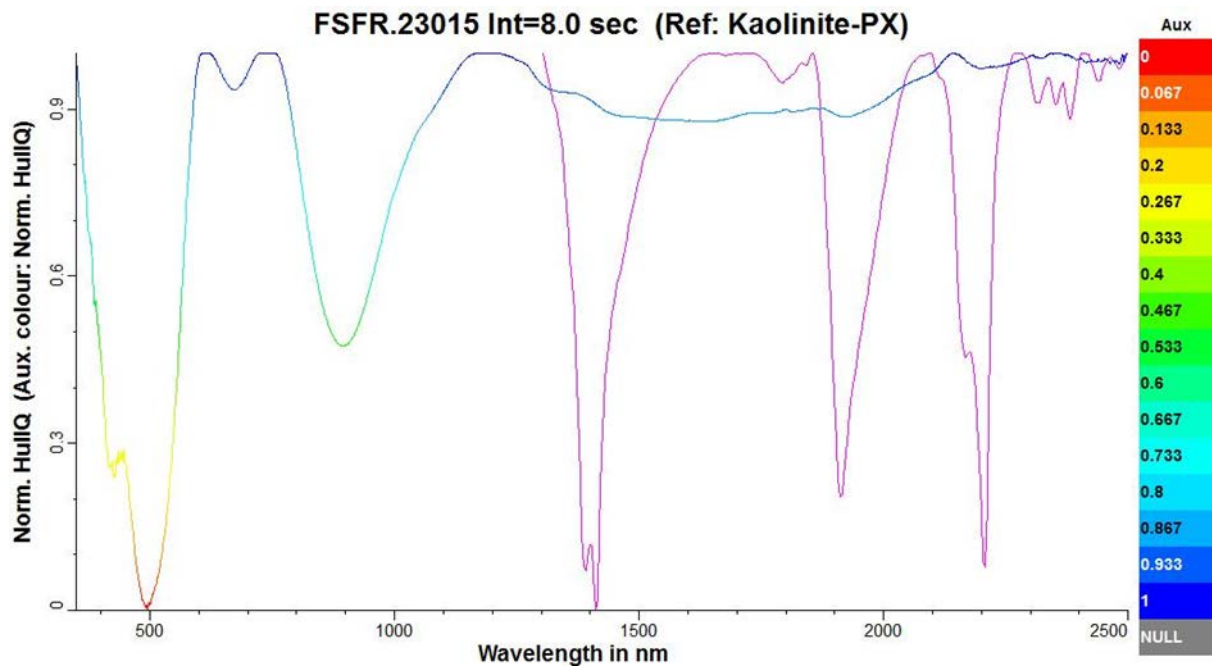


Figure 3 Fe-109 SWIR

## FTIR Analysis:

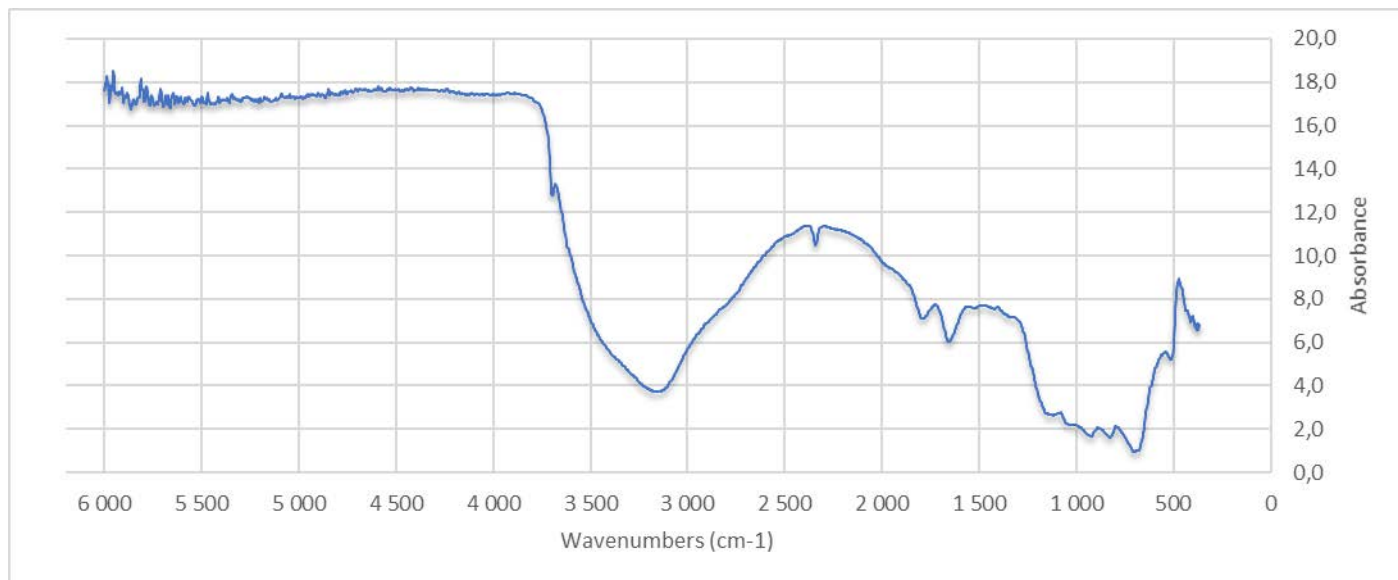


Figure 4 Fe-109 FTIR Spectra

## Hygroscopic Moisture:

To illustrate the effect of hygroscopic moisture a sample of RRM Fe-109 underwent water vapour sorption testing.

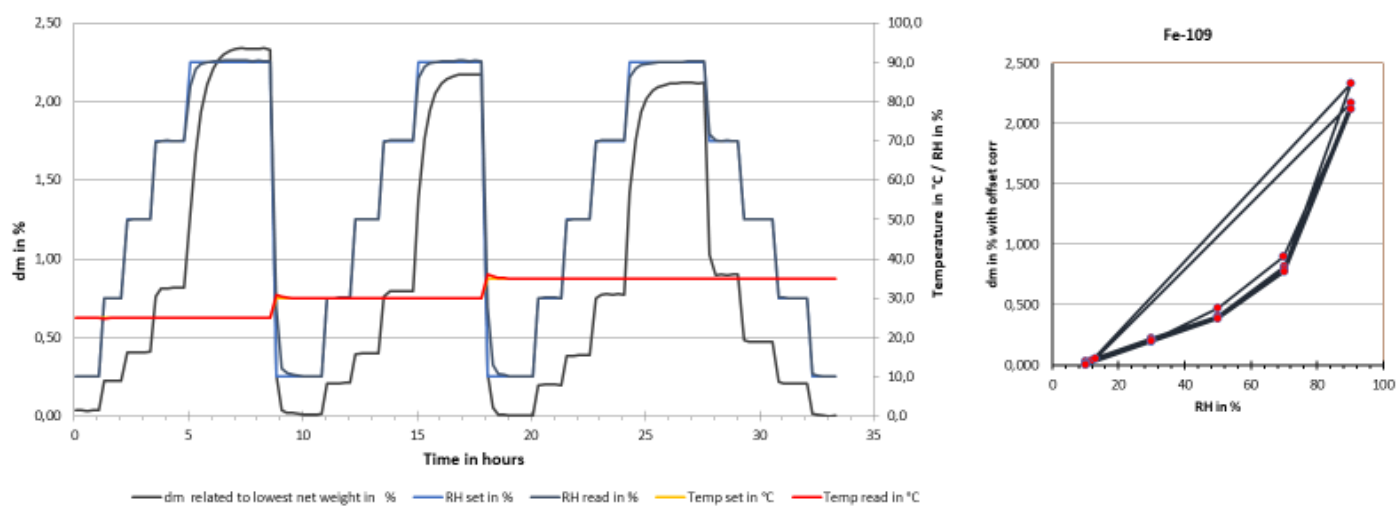


Figure 5 Fe-109 Sorption Testing

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-109 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
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Christmas Creek, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Cloudbreak, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories FMG Port, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Mt Webber, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Roy Hill Port, Australia
Intertek Robotic Laboratories Solomon, Australia
Intertek, South Africa
Kumba Iron Ore Sishen Mine Laboratory, South Africa
MinAnalytical Laboratory Services, Australia
Rio Tinto Cape Lambert Port A Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto Cape Lambert Port B Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto Dampier Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto Marandoo Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto Paraburdoo Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto West Angelas Laboratory, Australia
Rio Tinto Yandicoogina Laboratory, Australia
Set Point Laboratories, South Africa

### **Intended Use:**

The Certified Reference Material RRM Fe-109 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-109 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-109 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-109; 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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