

**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS FOR**

**HIGH GRADE MANGANESE ORE**

**CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**OREAS 170a**

Summary Statistics for OREAS 170a

Constituent (wt.%)	Certified Value	1SD	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
Mn	45.06	0.36	44.79	45.32
MnO	58.17	0.47	57.83	58.51
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.49	0.10	6.41	6.56
SiO <sub>2</sub>	11.34	0.07	11.30	11.39
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.44	0.05	4.41	4.47
MgO	0.222	0.021	0.207	0.237
CaO	0.090	0.004	0.088	0.092
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.179	0.005	0.176	0.181
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.70	0.03	1.67	1.72
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.152	0.005	0.149	0.155
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.276	0.034	0.251	0.302
LOI	12.14	0.07	12.09	12.19

Note - intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

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## SOURCE MATERIAL

OREAS 170a is a high grade supergene manganese ore matrix-matched certified reference material (MMCRM) prepared and certified by Ore Research & Exploration. The material was sourced from the Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO) Mn deposit which is hosted within a shallow dipping Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rock unit. Groote Eylandt is in the Gulf of Carpentaria off the coast of Australia's Northern Territory. OREAS 170a is one of two MMCRMs characterised for MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI.

## COMMUNITION AND HOMOGENISATION PROCEDURES

The material was prepared in the following manner:

- a) *drying at 105° C to constant mass;*
- b) *crushing and multi-stage milling to 100% minus 40 microns;*
- c) *homogenisation;*
- d) *packaging into 1.0 kg units using wide mouth plastic jars.*

## ANALYSIS OF OREAS 170a

Ten commercial laboratories participated in the analytical program to characterise MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI. Their results together with uncorrected means, medians, one sigma standard deviations, relative standard deviations and percent deviation of lab means from the corrected mean of means (PDM<sup>3</sup>) are presented in Tables A2 to A12 (Appendix). The parameter PDM<sup>3</sup> is a measure of laboratory accuracy while the relative standard deviation is an effective measure of analytical precision where homogeneity of the test material has been confirmed.

The analytical methods employed by each laboratory are explained, together with other abbreviations used, in Table A1 (Appendix).

Each participating laboratory received 5 samples of 20g each. Each set of subsamples submitted to each laboratory was taken at regular intervals during packaging of the standard in order to maximise their representation. All laboratories were instructed to either dry the samples for a minimum of 6 hours (or until constant mass was achieved), then place the samples in a desiccator with fresh desiccant until weighed or alternatively, to equilibrate the samples to the lab atmosphere and correct the results to a dry basis after moisture analysis at 105°C. All labs employed a lithium borate fusion technique with XRF finish to determine the requested oxides. LOI was determined at 1000°C using thermogravimetric methods.

## STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF ANALYTICAL DATA FOR OREAS 170a

### Certified Value and Confidence Intervals

The certified value is the mean of means of accepted replicate values of accepted participating laboratories computed according to the formulae

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{ij}$$

$$\bar{\bar{x}} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{x}_i$$

where

$x_{ij}$  is the  $j$ th result reported by laboratory  $i$ ;

$p$  is the number of participating laboratories;

$n_i$  is the number of results reported by laboratory  $i$ ;

$\bar{x}_i$  is the mean for laboratory  $i$ ;

$\bar{\bar{x}}$  is the mean of means.

The confidence intervals were obtained by calculation of the variance of the consensus value (mean of means) and reference to Student's- $t$  distribution with degrees of freedom ( $p-1$ ).

$$\hat{V}(\bar{\bar{x}}) = \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \sum_{i=1}^p (\bar{x}_i - \bar{\bar{x}})^2$$

$$\text{Confidence Interval} = \bar{\bar{x}} \pm t_{1-x/2}(p-1)(\hat{V}(\bar{\bar{x}}))^{1/2}$$

where

$t_{1-x/2}(p-1)$  is the  $1-x/2$  fractile of the  $t$ -distribution with  $(p-1)$  degrees of freedom.

The distribution of the values is assumed to be symmetrical about the mean in the calculation of the confidence interval.

The test for rejection of individual outliers from each laboratory data set was primarily based on  $z$  scores (rejected if  $|z_i| > 2.5$ ) computed from the robust estimators of location and scale,  $T$  and  $S$ , respectively, according to the formulae:

$$S = 1.483 \frac{\text{median} / x_j - \text{median} (x_i)}{j=1 \dots n \quad i=1 \dots n}$$

$$z_i = \frac{x_i - T}{S}$$

where

$T$  is the median value in a data set;

$S$  is the median of all absolute deviations from the sample median multiplied by 1.483, a correction factor to make the estimator consistent with the usual parameter of a normal distribution.

Table 1. Certified values and 95% confidence intervals for OREAS 170a

Constituent (wt.%)	Certified Value	95% Confidence Interval	
		Low	High
Manganese, Mn	45.06	44.79	45.32
Manganese oxide, MnO	58.17	57.83	58.51
Iron oxide, Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.49	6.41	6.56
Silicon dioxide, SiO <sub>2</sub>	11.34	11.30	11.39
Aluminium oxide, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.44	4.41	4.47
Magnesium oxide, MgO	0.222	0.207	0.237
Calcium oxide, CaO	0.090	0.088	0.092
Titanium dioxide, TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.179	0.176	0.181
Potassium oxide, K <sub>2</sub> O	1.70	1.67	1.72
Phosphorus oxide, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.152	0.149	0.155
Sodium oxide, Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.276	0.251	0.302
LOI at 1000° C	12.14	12.09	12.19

Note - intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

The z-score test is used in combination with a second method of individual outlier detection that determines the percent deviation of the individual value from the median. Outliers in general are selected on the basis of z-scores > 2.5 and with percent deviations > 1.5%. In certain instances statistician's prerogative has been employed in discriminating outliers. Each laboratory data set is tested for outlying status based on z-score discrimination and rejected if  $|z_i| > 2.5$ . After individual and lab data set outliers have been eliminated a non-iterative 3 standard deviation filter is applied, with those values lying outside this window also relegated to outlying status.

Individual outliers and, more rarely, laboratory means deemed to be outlying are shown left justified and in bold in the tabulated results (see Appendix) and have been omitted in the determination of certified values.

The magnitude of the confidence interval is inversely proportional to the number of participating laboratories and interlaboratory agreement. It is a measure of the reliability of the certified value, i.e. the narrower the confidence interval the greater the certainty in the certified value. A 95% confidence interval indicates a 95% probability that the interval includes the true value of the analyte under consideration.

### Statement of Homogeneity

The standard deviation of each laboratory data set includes error due to both the imprecision of the analytical method employed and to possible inhomogeneity of the material analysed. The standard deviation of the pooled individual analyses of all participating laboratories includes error due to the imprecision of each analytical method, to possible inhomogeneity of the material analysed and, in particular, to deficiencies in accuracy of each analytical method.

In determining tolerance intervals that component of error attributable to measurement inaccuracy was eliminated by transformation of the individual results of each data set to a common mean (the uncorrected grand mean) according to the formula

$$x'_{ij} = x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^p n_i}$$

where

- $x_{ij}$  is the  $j$ th raw result reported by laboratory  $i$ ;
- $x'_{ij}$  is the  $j$ th transformed result reported by laboratory  $i$ ;
- $n_i$  is the number of results reported by laboratory  $i$ ;
- $p$  is the number of participating laboratories;
- $\bar{x}_i$  is the raw mean for laboratory  $i$ .

The homogeneity of each constituent was determined from tables of factors for two-sided tolerance limits for normal distributions (ISO 3207) in which

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lower limit is } \bar{x} - k'_2(n, p, 1 - \alpha) s''_g \\ \text{Upper limit is } \bar{x} + k'_2(n, p, 1 - \alpha) s''_g \end{aligned}$$

where

- $n$  the number of results
- $1 - \alpha$  is the confidence level;
- $p$  is the proportion of results expected within tolerance limits;
- $k'_2$  is the factor for two-sided tolerance limits ( $m, \alpha$  unknown);
- $s''_g$  is the corrected grand standard deviation.

The meaning of these tolerance limits may be illustrated for manganese oxide, where 99% of the time at least 95% of subsamples will have concentrations lying between 57.93 and 58.41 wt.%. Put more precisely, this means that if the same number of subsamples were taken and analysed in the same manner repeatedly, 99% of the tolerance intervals so constructed would cover at least 95% of the total population, and 1% of the tolerance intervals would cover less than 95% of the total population (ISO Guide 35).

The corrected grand standard deviation,  $s''_g$ , used to compute the tolerance intervals is the weighted means of standard deviations of all data sets for a particular constituent according to the formula

$$s''_g = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p (s_i (1 - \frac{s_i}{s'_g}))}{\sum_{i=1}^p (1 - \frac{s_i}{s'_g})}$$

where

- $1 - (\frac{s_i}{s'_g})$  is the weighting factor for laboratory  $i$ ;
- $s'_g$  is the grand standard deviation computed from the transformed (i.e. means - adjusted) results

according to the formula

$$s'_g = \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=i}^{n_i} (x'_{ij} - \bar{x}'_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^p n_i - 1} \right]^{1/2}$$

where  $\bar{x}'_i$  is the transformed mean for laboratory  $i$

The weighting factors were applied to compensate for the considerable variation in analytical precision amongst participating laboratories. Hence, weighting factors for each data set have been constructed so as to be inversely proportional to the standard deviation of that data set. It should be noted that estimates of tolerance by this method are considered conservative as a significant proportion of the observed variance, even in those laboratories exhibiting the best analytical precision, can presumably be attributed to measurement error.

Table 2. Certified values and tolerance intervals for OREAS 170a.

Constituent (wt.%)	Certified Value	Tolerance Interval 1- $\alpha$ =0.99, $\rho$ =0.95	
		Low	High
Manganese, Mn	45.06	44.87	45.24
Manganese oxide, MnO	58.17	57.93	58.41
Iron oxide, Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.49	6.46	6.51
Silicon dioxide, SiO <sub>2</sub>	11.34	11.30	11.38
Aluminium oxide, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.44	4.40	4.48
Magnesium oxide, MgO	0.222	0.207	0.237
Calcium oxide, CaO	0.090	IND	IND
Titanium dioxide, TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.179	IND	IND
Potassium oxide, K <sub>2</sub> O	1.70	1.68	1.72
Phosphorus oxide, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.152	0.148	0.155
Sodium oxide, Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.276	0.264	0.289
LOI at 1000° C	12.14	12.07	12.21

Note - intervals may appear asymmetric due to rounding

### Performance Gates

Performance gates provide an indication of a level of performance that might reasonably be expected from a laboratory being monitored by this CRM in a QA/QC program. They take into account errors attributable to measurement and CRM variability. For an effective CRM the contribution of the latter should be negligible in comparison to measurement errors. Sources of measurement error include inter-lab bias, analytical precision (repeatability) and inter-batch bias (reproducibility).

Two methods have been employed to calculate performance gates. The first method uses the same filtered data set used to determine the certified value, i.e. after removal of all individual, lab dataset (batch) and 3SD outliers. These outliers can only be removed after

the absolute homogeneity of the CRM has been independently established, i.e. the outliers must be confidently deemed to be analytical rather than arising from inhomogeneity of the CRM. The standard deviation is then calculated for each analyte from the pooled individual analyses generated from the certification program.

Table 3 shows performance gates calculated for two and three standard deviations. As a guide these intervals may be regarded as warning or rejection for multiple 2SD outliers, or rejection for individual 3SD outliers in QC monitoring, although their precise application should be at the discretion of the QC manager concerned. A second method utilises a 5% window calculated directly from the certified value. Standard deviation is also shown in relative percent for one, two and three relative standard deviations (1RSD, 2RSD and 3RSD) to facilitate an appreciation of the magnitude of these numbers and a comparison with the 5% window. Caution should be exercised when concentration levels approach lower limits of detection of the analytical methods employed as performance gates calculated from standard deviations tend to be excessively wide whereas those determined by the 5% method are too narrow.

Table 3. Performance Gates for OREAS 170a

Constituent (wt.%)	Certified Value	Absolute Standard Deviations					Relative Standard Deviations			5% window	
		1SD	2SD Low	2SD High	3SD Low	3SD High	1RSD	2RSD	3RSD	Low	High
Mn	45.06	0.36	44.32	45.79	43.96	46.16	0.81%	1.62%	2.44%	42.80	47.31
MnO	58.17	0.47	57.22	59.11	56.75	59.59	0.81%	1.62%	2.44%	55.26	61.08
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.49	0.10	6.28	6.69	6.17	6.80	1.61%	3.22%	4.82%	6.16	6.81
SiO <sub>2</sub>	11.34	0.07	11.19	11.49	11.12	11.57	0.66%	1.32%	1.98%	10.78	11.91
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.44	0.05	4.34	4.54	4.29	4.59	1.13%	2.25%	3.38%	4.22	4.66
MgO	0.222	0.021	0.179	0.264	0.158	0.285	9.52%	19.05%	28.57%	0.211	0.233
CaO	0.090	0.004	0.082	0.097	0.079	0.101	4.14%	8.28%	12.41%	0.085	0.094
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.179	0.005	0.169	0.188	0.165	0.192	2.60%	5.21%	7.81%	0.170	0.187
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.70	0.03	1.63	1.76	1.60	1.80	1.95%	3.91%	5.86%	1.61	1.78
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.152	0.005	0.143	0.161	0.138	0.165	2.99%	5.99%	8.98%	0.144	0.159
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.276	0.034	0.209	0.344	0.175	0.378	12.23%	24.47%	36.70%	0.263	0.290
LOI	12.14	0.07	12.00	12.27	11.94	12.34	0.55%	1.10%	1.65%	11.53	12.75

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OREAS 170a is available in 10g units packaged in laminated foil pouches or 1kg units in wide mouth plastic jars.

### INTENDED USE

OREAS 170a is a reference material intended for the following:

- i) for the monitoring of laboratory performance in the analysis of MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI in geological samples;
- ii) for the calibration of instruments used in the determination of the concentration of MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI;
- iii) for the verification of analytical methods for MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI.

### STABILITY AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

OREAS 170a is a reference material made from high grade manganese oxide ore sourced from the Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO) Mn deposit. Under normal conditions of storage it has a shelf life beyond five years.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THE REFERENCE MATERIAL

The certified values for OREAS 170a refer to the concentration level of MnO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and LOI after removal of hygroscopic moisture by drying in air to constant mass at 105° C. If the reference material is not dried by the user prior to analysis, the certified values should be corrected to the moisture-bearing basis.

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## REFERENCES

ISO Guide 35 (2006), Certification of reference materials - General and statistical principals.  
ISO Guide 3207 (1975), Statistical interpretation of data - Determination of a statistical tolerance interval.

## QMS ACCREDITED

ORE Pty Ltd is accredited to ISO 9001:2008 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd for its quality management system including development, manufacturing, certification and supply of CRMs.



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## **APPENDIX**

### **Analytical Data for OREAS 170a**

Table A1. Explanation of abbreviations used in Tables A2 – A12.

Abbreviation	Explanation
Std.Dev.	one standard deviation
Rel.Std.Dev.	one relative standard deviation (%)
PDM <sup>3</sup>	percent deviation of lab mean from corrected mean of means
NR	not reported
BF	lithium metaborate fusion
LOI	loss on ignition at 1000° C
XRF	x-ray fluorescence

Table A2. Results for MnO in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	61.10	58.36	58.00	57.40	58.10	58.20	58.52	57.90	58.28	57.80
2	60.96	58.36	57.79	57.28	58.50	58.10	58.40	57.80	58.25	58.10
3	61.20	59.40	57.91	57.40	58.50	58.10	58.31	58.00	58.34	58.20
4	61.11	59.27	57.95	57.42	58.40	58.10	58.62	57.90	58.60	57.80
5	61.05	<b>60.04</b>	57.93	57.21	59.30	58.10	58.49	57.90	58.39	58.10
Mean	<b>61.08</b>	59.09	57.92	57.34	58.56	58.12	58.47	57.90	58.37	58.00
Median	61.10	59.27	57.93	57.40	58.50	58.10	58.49	57.90	58.34	58.10
Std.Dev.	0.09	0.72	0.08	0.09	0.44	0.04	0.12	0.07	0.14	0.19
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.14%	1.22%	0.14%	0.16%	0.76%	0.08%	0.20%	0.12%	0.24%	0.32%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	5.01%	1.57%	-0.44%	-1.42%	0.67%	-0.08%	0.51%	-0.46%	0.35%	-0.29%

Table A3. Results for Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	6.65	6.22	6.43	6.41	6.48	6.44	6.47	6.65	6.54	6.42
2	6.64	6.21	6.40	6.42	6.50	6.45	6.45	6.64	6.53	6.49
3	6.63	6.35	6.41	6.42	6.53	6.45	6.47	6.66	6.54	6.48
4	6.62	6.36	6.42	6.42	6.51	6.46	6.47	6.65	6.57	6.43
5	6.61	6.40	6.42	6.41	6.60	6.45	6.46	6.65	6.56	6.47
Mean	6.63	6.31	6.41	6.42	6.52	6.45	6.46	6.65	6.55	6.46
Median	6.63	6.35	6.42	6.42	6.51	6.45	6.47	6.65	6.54	6.47
Std.Dev.	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.24%	1.38%	0.18%	0.09%	0.71%	0.11%	0.10%	0.11%	0.25%	0.48%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	2.22%	-2.75%	-1.12%	-1.08%	0.58%	-0.56%	-0.36%	2.53%	0.96%	-0.43%

Table A4. Results for SiO<sub>2</sub> in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	11.37	11.00	11.38	11.25	11.20	11.40	11.49	11.30	11.35	11.45
2	11.32	11.00	11.27	11.23	11.30	11.40	11.41	11.30	11.35	11.30
3	11.34	11.15	11.31	11.24	11.30	11.40	11.40	11.30	11.36	11.35
4	11.30	11.20	11.34	11.31	11.30	11.40	11.44	11.30	11.39	11.50
5	11.31	11.25	11.27	11.18	11.50	11.40	11.45	11.30	11.39	11.35
Mean	11.33	<b>11.12</b>	11.31	11.24	11.32	11.40	11.44	11.30	11.37	11.39
Median	11.32	11.15	11.31	11.24	11.30	11.40	11.44	11.30	11.36	11.35
Std.Dev.	0.03	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.11	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.08
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.24%	1.04%	0.43%	0.41%	0.97%	0.00%	0.31%	0.00%	0.18%	0.72%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-0.14%	-1.98%	-0.27%	-0.90%	-0.21%	0.49%	0.82%	-0.39%	0.21%	0.40%

Table A5. Results for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	4.53	4.43	4.37	4.42	4.44	4.40	4.51	4.45	4.42	4.42
2	4.50	4.43	<b>4.29</b>	4.42	4.50	4.42	4.47	4.47	4.40	4.42
3	4.51	4.50	4.38	4.41	4.49	4.42	4.51	4.48	4.43	4.42
4	4.52	4.52	4.37	4.37	4.48	4.40	4.43	4.44	4.43	4.40
5	4.50	4.53	4.32	4.35	<b>4.58</b>	4.45	4.44	4.45	4.42	4.44
Mean	4.51	4.48	4.35	4.39	4.50	4.42	4.47	4.46	4.42	4.42
Median	4.51	4.50	4.37	4.41	4.49	4.42	4.47	4.45	4.42	4.42
Std.Dev.	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.29%	1.09%	0.89%	0.73%	1.14%	0.46%	0.84%	0.37%	0.28%	0.32%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	1.59%	0.91%	-2.13%	-1.07%	1.27%	-0.53%	0.71%	0.37%	-0.48%	-0.48%

Table A6. Results for MgO in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	0.250	0.240	0.186	0.200	0.210	0.200	0.229	0.220	0.230	0.230
2	0.240	0.250	0.177	0.200	0.220	0.210	0.220	0.220	0.240	0.240
3	0.250	0.250	0.184	0.200	0.210	0.220	0.237	0.210	0.220	<b>0.280</b>
4	0.240	0.250	0.191	0.210	0.210	0.220	0.246	0.220	0.220	0.230
5	0.250	0.260	0.172	0.200	0.210	0.210	0.237	0.210	0.230	0.240
Mean	0.246	0.250	0.182	0.202	0.212	0.212	0.234	0.216	0.228	0.244
Median	0.250	0.250	0.184	0.200	0.210	0.210	0.237	0.220	0.230	0.240
Std.Dev.	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.004	0.004	0.008	0.010	0.005	0.008	0.021
Rel.Std.Dev.	2.23%	2.83%	4.05%	2.21%	2.11%	3.95%	4.26%	2.54%	3.67%	8.50%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	10.97%	12.8%	-17.9%	-8.9%	-4.37%	-4.37%	5.48%	-2.56%	2.85%	10.07%

Table A7. Results for CaO in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	0.080	0.090	0.095	0.070	0.080	0.090	0.106	0.090	0.090	0.090
2	0.080	0.090	0.095	0.080	0.080	0.090	0.106	0.090	0.090	0.090
3	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.070	0.090	0.090	0.105	0.090	0.090	0.100
4	0.080	0.090	0.093	0.070	0.090	0.090	0.105	0.090	0.090	0.080
5	0.080	0.090	0.094	0.070	0.090	0.090	0.105	0.090	0.090	0.090
Mean	<b>0.082</b>	0.090	0.093	<b>0.072</b>	0.086	0.090	<b>0.105</b>	0.090	0.090	0.090
Median	0.080	0.090	0.094	0.070	0.090	0.090	0.105	0.090	0.090	0.090
Std.Dev.	0.004	0.000	0.002	0.004	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007
Rel.Std.Dev.	5.45%	0.00%	2.49%	6.21%	6.37%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	7.86%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-8.76%	0.14%	3.63%	-19.9%	-4.31%	0.14%	17.4%	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%

Table A8. Results for TiO<sub>2</sub> in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	0.170	0.170	0.175	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.176	0.180	0.180	0.180
2	0.170	0.180	0.179	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.176	0.180	0.190	0.180
3	0.170	0.180	0.177	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.176	0.180	0.180	0.180
4	0.170	0.180	0.175	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.176	0.190	0.190	0.170
5	0.170	0.180	0.178	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.176	0.180	0.180	0.180
Mean	<b>0.170</b>	0.178	0.177	0.180	0.172	0.180	0.176	0.182	0.184	0.178
Median	0.170	0.180	0.177	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.176	0.180	0.180	0.180
Std.Dev.	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.005	0.004
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.00%	2.51%	1.06%	0.00%	2.60%	0.00%	0.04%	2.46%	2.98%	2.51%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-4.78%	-0.30%	-0.89%	0.82%	-3.66%	0.82%	-1.52%	1.94%	3.07%	-0.30%

Table A9. Results for K<sub>2</sub>O in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	1.65	1.64	1.77	1.72	1.67	1.72	1.28	1.71	1.69	1.67
2	1.67	1.64	1.76	1.71	1.67	1.73	1.27	1.72	1.68	1.68
3	1.67	1.68	1.76	1.72	1.67	1.73	1.26	1.72	1.69	1.69
4	1.64	1.67	1.76	1.73	1.69	1.71	1.27	1.71	1.71	1.68
5	1.67	1.68	1.74	1.71	1.69	1.72	1.26	1.71	1.66	1.69
Mean	1.66	1.66	1.76	1.72	1.68	1.72	<b>1.26</b>	1.71	1.69	1.68
Median	1.67	1.67	1.76	1.72	1.67	1.72	1.27	1.71	1.69	1.68
Std.Dev.	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.85%	1.07%	0.56%	0.49%	0.65%	0.49%	0.61%	0.32%	1.08%	0.50%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-2.21%	-2.27%	3.59%	1.21%	-1.15%	1.44%	-25.5%	0.97%	-0.68%	-0.91%

Table A10. Results for P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	0.151	0.151	<b>0.157</b>	0.150	0.150	0.160	0.070	0.153	0.146	0.150
2	0.146	0.152	0.151	0.160	0.150	0.160	0.070	0.154	0.147	0.150
3	0.147	0.154	0.152	0.160	0.140	0.150	0.062	0.155	0.146	0.150
4	0.148	0.154	0.152	0.160	0.150	0.160	0.062	0.152	0.148	0.150
5	0.150	0.153	0.153	0.160	0.150	0.150	0.062	0.154	0.147	0.150
Mean	0.148	0.153	0.153	0.158	0.148	0.156	<b>0.065</b>	0.154	0.147	0.150
Median	0.148	0.153	0.152	0.160	0.150	0.160	0.062	0.154	0.147	0.150
Std.Dev.	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.000
Rel.Std.Dev.	1.40%	0.85%	1.50%	2.83%	3.02%	3.51%	7.44%	0.74%	0.57%	0.00%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-2.19%	0.71%	0.79%	4.13%	-2.46%	2.82%	-57.1%	1.23%	-3.25%	-1.14%

Table A11. Results for Na<sub>2</sub>O in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A BF*XRF	Lab B BF*XRF	Lab C BF*XRF	Lab D BF*XRF	Lab E BF*XRF	Lab F BF*XRF	Lab G BF*XRF	Lab H BF*XRF	Lab I BF*XRF	Lab J BF*XRF
1	0.330	0.340	0.276	0.280	0.270	0.290	0.237	0.290	0.280	0.210
2	0.340	0.340	<b>0.260</b>	0.280	0.270	0.280	0.255	0.300	0.280	0.240
3	0.330	0.350	0.273	0.270	0.260	0.290	0.237	0.310	0.300	0.240
4	0.330	0.360	0.274	0.290	0.260	0.280	0.193	0.300	0.300	0.230
5	0.330	0.360	<b>0.305</b>	0.290	0.270	0.290	0.202	0.300	0.290	0.240
Mean	0.332	<b>0.350</b>	0.278	0.282	0.266	0.286	0.225	0.300	0.290	0.232
Median	0.330	0.350	0.274	0.280	0.270	0.290	0.237	0.300	0.290	0.240
Std.Dev.	0.004	0.010	0.017	0.008	0.005	0.005	0.026	0.007	0.010	0.013
Rel.Std.Dev.	1.35%	2.86%	5.99%	2.97%	2.06%	1.92%	11.61%	2.36%	3.45%	5.62%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	20.1%	26.6%	0.44%	2.04%	-3.75%	3.49%	-18.6%	8.56%	4.94%	-16.0%

Table A12. Results for LOI in OREAS 170a (abbreviations as in Table A1; values in wt.%).

Replicate No.	Lab A LOI	Lab B LOI	Lab C LOI	Lab D LOI	Lab E LOI	Lab F LOI	Lab G LOI	Lab H LOI	Lab I LOI	Lab J LOI
1	12.05	12.15	12.14	13.48	12.00	12.10	12.04	12.10	12.23	12.39
2	12.05	12.25	12.19	13.42	12.00	12.00	12.08	12.20	12.23	12.41
3	12.10	<b>12.70</b>	12.18	13.46	11.70	12.10	12.11	12.10	12.22	12.42
4	12.10	12.20	12.20	13.47	11.80	12.00	12.13	12.10	12.21	12.45
5	12.15	12.20	12.15	13.47	11.90	12.20	12.11	12.10	12.19	12.38
Mean	12.09	12.30	12.17	<b>13.46</b>	<b>11.88</b>	12.08	12.09	12.12	12.22	<b>12.41</b>
Median	12.10	12.20	12.18	13.47	11.90	12.10	12.11	12.10	12.22	12.41
Std.Dev.	0.04	0.23	0.03	0.02	0.13	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03
Rel.Std.Dev.	0.35%	1.84%	0.21%	0.17%	1.10%	0.69%	0.29%	0.37%	0.14%	0.22%
PDM <sup>3</sup>	-0.40%	1.33%	0.25%	10.9%	-2.13%	-0.48%	-0.37%	-0.15%	0.64%	2.24%