

CRM ITAK-2004

Certified Reference Material – Niobium Concentrate

Table 1 – ITAK-2004 – Certified Values

Element/Unit	Certified Value ^[1]	s ^[2]	s _r ^[3]	s _L ^[4]	U ^[5]
Nb ₂ O ₅ (%) ^a	56.51	0.55	0.21	0.51	± 0.28
P ₂ O ₅ (%) ^a	0.4830	0.011	0.0057	0.0090	± 0.0047
BaO (%) ^a	3.065	0.074	0.021	0.071	± 0.036
SiO ₂ (%) ^a	2.555	0.088	0.056	0.068	± 0.029
Fe ₂ O ₃ (%) ^a	3.14	0.13	0.023	0.12	± 0.055
CaO (%) ^a	11.26	0.15	0.045	0.15	± 0.073
Al ₂ O ₃ (%) ^a	0.527	0.038	0.010	0.037	± 0.019
TiO ₂ (%) ^a	5.120	0.062	0.037	0.050	± 0.026
U ₃ O ₈ (%) ^c	0.0918	0.0062	0.0050	0.0038	± 0.0022
Na ₂ O (%) ^a	5.021	0.11	0.073	0.087	± 0.047
SrO (%) ^a	1.58	0.20	0.012	0.20	± 0.091
ThO ₂ (%) ^{a, c}	1.467	0.033	0.015	0.029	± 0.013
C (%) ^d	0.183	0.019	0.0063	0.018	± 0.0091
S (%) ^d	0.1818	0.0094	0.0090	0.0029	± 0.0020
Zr (%) ^a	0.208	0.017	0.0059	0.016	± 0.0079
Ce (%) ^{a, c}	1.181	0.038	0.017	0.034	± 0.018
La (%) ^{a, c}	0.344	0.016	0.0057	0.015	± 0.0069
Nd (%) ^{a, c}	0.301	0.013	0.0073	0.011	± 0.0052
Pr (%) ^{a, c}	0.1022	0.011	0.0072	0.0082	± 0.0043
^[6] LOI (%) ^b	2.62	0.22	0.043	0.21	± 0.11

^[1] The Certified Value was calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2.

^[2] The standard deviation for proficiency assessment was calculated according to ISO 13528 and 5725-2. This standard deviation can be used for control charts for individual analysis ($n=1$).

^[3] The within-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

^[4] The between-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

^[5] The extended standard uncertainty of the mean ($\alpha=5\%$) was calculated according to ISO Guide 35.

^[6] Loss On Ignition.

Note: The letters in front of the elements are codes for Analytical Methods used.

Table 2 – ITAK-2004 – Informative Values

Element/Unit	Reference Value ^[7]
MgO (%) ^a	0.199
MnO ₂ (%) ^a	0.060
PbO (%) ^a	0.099
Ta ₂ O ₅ (%) ^a	0.027
K ₂ O (%) ^a	0.590
Cu (%) ^a	< 0.015

^[7] These values are informative. They were calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2 from fifteen to twenty-five results from a varying number of laboratories.

DESCRIPTION

ITAK-2004 was prepared from a sample of Niobium Concentrate donated by a Niobium Mining Company from the Midwest of Brazil in 2015.

This Certified Reference Material (CRM) is presented as a fine powder.

INTENDED USE AND INSTRUCTIONS

ITAK-2004 provides an important control in analytical data from exploration and can be used as a tool for grade control in routine mining and laboratory operations.

This Certified Reference Material can be used for calibration of analytical equipment, assess and develop new methods, validation of analytical methods, and arbitration – proficiency testing for example.

The bottles/sachets content should be thoroughly mixed before taking samples of ITAK-2004.

The Certified Reference Material should be used without pre-treatment. ITAK is not responsible for any changes occurring after opening said bottles/sachets.

The Certified Reference Material should be stored in a dry place and without contact with excessive heat or moisture.

CERTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF ANALYTICAL DATA

ITAK-2004 was analyzed by six specialized laboratories. The statistical evaluation was carried out according to ISO GUIDE 35 and ISO 5725-2, using: identification and treatment of outliers, stragglers and technically invalid data, certified value calculation, standard deviation calculation, and extended standard uncertainty calculation.

The Technical Report: RT-150/18 STD contains full details of all phases of manufacturing, certifying results, participating laboratories, and the statistical evaluation.

Note: This report is available on the ITAK database for CRM users.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

The methods used on the certification of CRM ITAK-2004 are mentioned as follows:

- **a:** Fusion method and determination by X-Ray Fluorescence.
- **b:** Gravimetric method.
- **c:** Fusion method and determination by ICP-MS.
- **d:** Infrared Analyzer (LECO).

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

This CRM certification is valid until: **July 09, 2028.**

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