



# Certificate of Analysis 0872

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## CRM ITAK-224

### Certified Reference Material – Nickel Laterite Ore

**Table 1 – ITAK-224 – Certified Values**

Element/Unit	Certified Value <sup>[1]</sup>	s <sup>[2]</sup>	s <sub>r</sub> <sup>[3]</sup>	s <sub>L</sub> <sup>[4]</sup>	U <sup>[5]</sup>
Fe (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	35.21	0.50	0.23	0.44	± 0.14
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	8.30	0.12	0.061	0.11	± 0.035
SiO <sub>2</sub> (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	20.23	0.21	0.17	0.13	± 0.050
Ni (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	1.843	0.025	0.015	0.020	± 0.0065
Co (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	0.1094	0.0029	0.0021	0.0020	± 0.00079
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	3.280	0.045	0.029	0.035	± 0.012
Cu (%) <sup>a, c</sup>	0.177	0.017	0.0062	0.016	± 0.0057
MnO (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	0.902	0.018	0.0076	0.016	± 0.0052
TiO <sub>2</sub> (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	0.2521	0.0052	0.0048	0.0021	± 0.0015
CaO (%) <sup>a</sup>	0.2546	0.0093	0.0041	0.0084	± 0.0029
MgO (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	2.942	0.065	0.050	0.042	± 0.014
<sup>[6]</sup> LOI (%) <sup>d, e</sup>	9.74	0.41	0.25	0.32	± 0.11

<sup>[1]</sup> The Certified Value was calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 ( $n=1$ ).

<sup>[3]</sup> The within-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

<sup>[4]</sup> The between-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

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

<sup>[6]</sup> Loss On Ignition.

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

## Table 2 – ITAK-224 – Informative Values

Element/Unit	Reference Value <sup>[7]</sup>
Zn (%) <sup>a, b</sup>	0.073

<sup>[7]</sup> These values are informative. They were calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2 from ten results from a varying number of laboratories.

### **DESCRIPTION**

ITAK-224 was prepared from a sample of Nickel Laterite Ore donated by a Nickel Mining Company from Midwest of Brazil in 2011.

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

### **INTENDED USE AND INSTRUCTIONS**

ITAK-224 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-224.

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-224 was analyzed by thirteen 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-030/2020 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-224 are mentioned as follows:

- **a:** Fusion method and determination by X-Ray Fluorescence.
- **b:** Fusion method and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP).
- **c:** Acid digestion Method and determination by Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS).
- **d:** Gravimetric method.
- **e:** Thermogravimetric Method (TGA).

## **PERIOD OF VALIDITY**

This CRM certification is valid until: **December 11, 2030.**

## **CERTIFICATE REPRODUCTION**

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