



# Certificate of Analysis 1060

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## CRM ITAK-243

### Certified Reference Material – Nickel Sulfide Ore

**Table 1 – ITAK-243 – 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>
Al (%) <sup>b, c</sup>	4.23	0.16	0.031	0.16	± 0.072
Ca (%) <sup>c</sup>	4.44	0.23	0.082	0.22	± 0.077
Co (g/t) <sup>c</sup>	126.7	4.8	1.8	4.5	± 1.7
Cr (g/t) <sup>b, c</sup>	806	37	29	24	± 12
Cu - AAS (%) <sup>a</sup>	0.0852	0.0018	0.00078	0.0016	± 0.00075
Cu - ICP (%) <sup>c</sup>	0.0841	0.0041	0.0012	0.0039	± 0.0016
Fe (%) <sup>c</sup>	9.23	0.31	0.20	0.23	± 0.10
K (%) <sup>b, c</sup>	0.615	0.032	0.014	0.029	± 0.011
Mg (%) <sup>c</sup>	8.75	0.43	0.18	0.39	± 0.15
Mn (%) <sup>c</sup>	0.1178	0.0073	0.0021	0.0070	± 0.0032
Na (%) <sup>c</sup>	1.095	0.040	0.026	0.031	± 0.013
Ni - AAS (%) <sup>a</sup>	0.2319	0.0061	0.0021	0.0057	± 0.0024
Ni - ICP (%) <sup>c</sup>	0.2429	0.0095	0.0041	0.0086	± 0.0033
S (%) <sup>c</sup>	1.50	0.12	0.042	0.11	± 0.051
Ti (%) <sup>b, c</sup>	0.279	0.013	0.0034	0.012	± 0.0051

<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.

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

## **DESCRIPTION**

ITAK-243 was prepared from a sample of Nickel Sulfide Ore donated by a Nickel Mining Company from Northeast Brazil in 2025.

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

## **INTENDED USE AND INSTRUCTIONS**

ITAK-243 provides 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 example, to calibrate analytical equipment, assess and develop new methods, validate analytical techniques, and arbitrate proficiency testing.

The bottles/sachets' content should be thoroughly mixed before taking samples of ITAK-243.

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

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

The minimum test portion of the Certified Reference Material is 0.5 g.

## **CHARACTERISATION AND STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF ANALYTICAL DATA**

Eight specialised laboratories analysed ITAK-243. 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 certified values are metrologically traceable to the International System of Units (SI) derived unit for mass fraction (expressed as percent).

The Technical Report RT-008/2025 STD contains full details of all manufacturing phases, certifying results, participating laboratories, and the statistical evaluation.

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

## **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

The methods used in the characterisation of CRM ITAK-243 are mentioned as follows:

- **a:** Acid digestion ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ) and determination by Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS).
- **b:** Acid digestion ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ) and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES).
- **c:** Acid digestion ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$ ,  $\text{HF}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ) and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES).

**PERIOD OF VALIDITY**

This CRM certification is valid until **May 15, 2035**.

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