

**Merensky Reef (ore grade)  
PGE Reference Material**

**AMIS0034**

***Certificate of Analysis***

**Recommended Concentrations and two "Between Laboratory" Standard Deviations**

***Certified Concentrations***

Pt (Pb Collection)	3.69	±	0.36 g/t
Pt (NIS)	3.73	±	0.38 g/t
Pd (Pb Collection)	1.63	±	0.18 g/t
Pd (NIS)	1.63	±	0.14 g/t
Cu (P)	1532	±	78 ppm
Cu (T/ICP)	1544	±	100 ppm
Cu (XRF)	1551	±	92 ppm
Ni (P)	1689	±	108 ppm
Ni (T/ICP)	2079	±	148 ppm
Ni (XRF)	2164	±	116 ppm
Co (P)	50	±	6 ppm
Co (T/ICP)	97	±	8 ppm
Cr (XRF)	6016	±	330 ppm
Specific Gravity	3.11	±	0.2 g/cc

***Provisional Concentrations***

Au (Pb Collection)	0.43	±	0.08 g/t
Au (NIS)	0.40	±	0.08 g/t
Rh	0.24	±	0.04 g/t
Ru (NiS)	0.48	±	0.06 g/t
Ir (NiS)	0.08	±	0.01 g/t

***Indicated Means***

Cu (F)	1515 ppm
Cr (T/ICP)	5222 ppm

**4E = 5.99 g/t (Pt, Pd, Rh plus Au)**

**Intended Use:** AMIS0034 is suitable for monitoring the accuracy of a single analysis of PGE, Cu and Ni ores hosted by Merensky Reef or other similar mafic rocks. The material can be used for routine quality control by inserting within a batch of samples, for method development and for the calibration of equipment.

**Origin of Material:** This standard was made using Merensky Reef material supplied by Anglo Platinum Limited from the Western limb of the Bushveld Complex. The Merensky Reef is a Pt/Pd ore. This specific material was collected underground from the Boschfontein Mine.

**Approximate Mineral and Chemical Composition:** AMIS0034 comprises Merensky Reef hand sorted underground with minor dilution from footwall and hanging wall. The Merensky Reef comprises components of feldspathic pyroxenite, pyroxenite and anorthosite. Peak PGE values are associated with a thin chromitite stringer. Mineralization in this Merensky Reef comprises 2-5% disseminated or net textured magmatic sulphides, predominantly pyrrhotite, pentlandite, chalcopyrite and pyrite. The PGE's occur as micron-sized satellite grains around but rarely within the sulphides.

**Appearance:** The material is a very fine light grey powder (Corstor colour chart - 5Y 7/1).

**Chemistry:** The chemical composition is set out below.

	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O
%	49.92	16.45	12.46	10.24	7.02	1.01
2SD	0.76	0.48	0.66	0.28	0.30	0.08
	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	MnO	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	LOI
%	0.90	0.27	0.22	0.16	0.04	0.93
2SD	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02		
	Certified	Certified	Certified	Certified	Indicated	Indicated

The major element composition of this material has been certified. Information is available on a separate certificate.

**Method of Preparation:** The material was crushed, dry-milled and air-classified to <54um. Wet sieve particle size analysis of random samples confirmed the material was 100% <54um. It was then blended in a bi-conical mixer, systematically divided and then sealed into 1kg Laboratory Packs. Explorer Packs are subdivided from the Laboratory packs as required. Samples were randomly selected for homogeneity testing and third party analysis. Statistical analysis for both homogeneity and the consensus test results were carried out by independent statisticians.

**Method of Analysis:**

1. Pt, Pd, Au and Ru. Nickel sulphide collection, ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
2. Pt, Pd and Au. Pb collection with Ag as a co-collector, ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
3. Pt, Pd, Au, Rh, Ru, Ir. NiS collection, ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
4. Co, Cu and Ni. Multi-acid total digestion, including HF, ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
5. Cr, Co, Cu and Ni. Fusion, ICP-OES or ICP-MS
6. Co, Cu and Ni. Aqua regia digestion with ICP-OES or ICP-MS.
7. Cr, Co, Cu and Ni. Fusion or Pressed Pellet, XRF.
8. SG. Gas pycnometer.

**Information requested:**

1. Aliquots used for all determinations.
2. Results for individual PGM's reported in ppb.
3. Results for base metals reported in ppm.
4. QC data, to include replicates, blanks and certified reference materials used.
5. Analytical techniques used.

**Method of Certification:** Thirty one laboratories were each given nine samples, comprising eight packages of sample scientifically selected from throughout the batch and, one sample of a different certified reference material for QC purposes. Various results from the twenty six laboratories that reported back timeously were used for the determinations. The following round robin results are displayed:

- 4E PGE (the sum of Pt, Pd, Au by Pb collection and Rh);
- Pt, Pd and Au analyses by the Pb collection method;
- Pt, Pd, Au, Ru and Ir analyses by the NiS collection method;
- Rh analyses by NiS and Fire Assay;
- Cu, Co and Ni by the Fusion (F) method.
- Cu, Co and Ni by the aqua regia (partial- P) digestion method.
- Cu, Co, Ni and Cr by the multi-acid (total -T) digestion method;
- Cu, Co, Ni and Cr by XRF;
- Specific gravity by water or gas Pycnometer.

The final limits were calculated after first determining if all data was compatible within a spread normally expected for similar analytical methods done by reputable laboratories. Data from any one laboratory was removed from further calculations when the mean of all analyses from that laboratory failed a t test of the global means of the other laboratories. The means and standard deviations were calculated using all remaining data. Any analysis that fell outside of the mean  $\pm 2$  standard deviations was removed from the ensuing data base. The mean and standard deviations were again calculated using the remaining data. This method is different from that used by Government agencies in that the actual "between-laboratory" standard deviation is used in the calculations. This produces upper and lower limits that reflect actual individual analyses rather than a grouped set of analyses. The limits can therefore be used to monitor accuracy from individual analyses, unlike the Confidence Limits published on other standards. Standards with an RSD of near or less than 5 % are certified, RSD's of between near 5 % and 15 % are Provisional, and RSD's over 15 % are Indicated.

The tables below represent raw data received from the laboratories.





Lab Code	4E PGE g/t 1+2+3+4	Pb Coll Pt, g/t 1	Pb Coll Pd, g/t 2	Pb Coll Au, g/t 3	NiS Pt g/t	NiS Pd g/t	NiS Au g/t	Rh 4	NiS Ru g/t	NiS Ir g/t	F Cu ppm	P Cu ppm	T Cu ppm	XRF Cu ppm	F Co ppm	P Co ppm	T Co ppm	XRF Co ppm	F Ni ppm	P Ni ppm	T Ni ppm	XRF Ni ppm	T Cr ppm	XRF Cr ppm	SG g/cc
ZA												1722				33					2241				
ZA												1752				36					2298				
ZA												1690				32					2383				
ZA												1872				36					2196				
ZA												1673				32					2312				
ZA												1743				37					2229				
ZA												1629				34					2195				
ZA												1867				31					2204				
ZB																									
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ZC		3.73	1.59	0.44								1510	1570	1540	120	51	100			1630	2100	2200		5900	
ZC		3.77	1.60	0.48								1560	1640	1550	130	50	103			1670	2180	2200		5800	
ZC		3.87	1.65	0.49								1520	1580	1590	130	50	103			1620	2130	2200		6000	
ZC		3.81	1.63	0.44								1550	1610	1580	120	50	105			1660	2170	2200		6000	
ZC		3.80	1.65	0.50								1550	1630	1600	140	53	107			1650	2200	2200		6000	
ZC		3.87	1.62	0.48								1570	1620	1600	120	51	101			1680	2170	2200		6100	
ZC		3.75	1.66	0.43								1560	1620	1610	150	50	104			1660	2180	2300		6100	
ZC		3.89	1.64	0.49								1510	1610	1630	130	48	103			1630	2170	2200		6000	
ZD		3.25	1.35	0.44								1320	1530			41	101			1360	2080				
ZD		3.35	1.38	0.49								1350	1520			42	97			1380	2060				
ZD		3.50	1.32	0.43								1390	1540			43	103			1410	2090				
ZD		3.45	1.33	0.42								1360	1550			43	99			1380	2110				
ZD		3.15	1.30	0.43								1410	1530			45	98			1440	2070				
ZD		3.15	1.31	0.41								1390	1540			44	99			1420	2100				
ZD		3.30	1.30	0.49								1450	1540			45	100			1480	2100				
ZD		3.20	1.32	0.43								1420	1530			45	101			1450	2090				
ZE					3.65	1.55	0.38	0.28	0.50	0.10	1540									2270					
ZE					3.59	1.54	0.45	0.28	0.50	0.11	1530									2220					
ZE					3.72	1.58	0.43	0.29	0.51	0.13	1520									2200					
ZE					3.78	1.58	0.42	0.29	0.51	0.12	1570									2250					
ZE					3.80	1.59	0.41	0.29	0.51	0.11	1550									2240					
ZE					3.76	1.60	0.40	0.30	0.52	0.12	1530									2200					
ZE					3.78	1.62	0.42	0.30	0.52	0.12	1530									2200					
ZE					3.78	1.64	0.44	0.31	0.52	0.13	1530									2220					

**Participating Laboratories:** (Not in same order as in the table of assays)

1. ACME Analytical Laboratories Ltd., (Canada).
2. Activation Laboratories Ltd., (ActLabs, Ancaster, ON, Canada).
3. Alex Stewart (Assayers) Limited, (ASA, Johannesburg, South Africa).
4. ALS Chemex South Africa ( Pty ) Ltd.
5. ALS Chemex, (Vancouver, Canada).
6. Amdel Limited, (Perth, Australia).
7. Ammtec Ltd., (Western Australia).
8. Anglo Platinum, Eastern Bushveld Regional Laboratory (South Africa).
9. Anglo Research (Crown Campus, South Africa).
10. Anglo Research (Germiston Campus, South Africa)
11. ASA - OMAC Laboratories Limited, (Ireland).
12. Assayers Canada, (Vancouver).
13. Barplats Laboratory, (South Africa).
14. Becquerel Laboratories, (Canada).
15. Genalysis Laboratory Services ( Pty ) Ltd., (Australia).
16. Geoscience Laboratories, (Geo Labs, Sudbury, Canada).
17. Geoservice Centre, Geolaboratory, (GTK. Finland).
18. Impala Mineral Processes Laboratory
19. Nkomati JV Laboratory
20. Pt Intertek Utama Services (Intertek, Indonesia)
21. Set Point Laboratories ( Pty ) Ltd (South Africa)
22. SGS Lakefield Research (Canada)
23. SGS Lakefield Research Africa ( Pty ) Ltd. (Joburg, South Africa)
24. SGS Welshpool (Australia).
25. Ultra Trace ( Pty ) Ltd. (Australia)
26. Zimplats Assay Laboratory (Zimbabwe)

**Availability:** This product is available in Laboratory Packs containing 1kg of material and Explorer Packs containing custom weights (of <250g) of material. The Laboratory Packs are sealed bottles delivered in sealed foil pouches. The Explorer Packs contain material in standard geochem envelopes, nitrogen flushed and vacuum sealed in foil pouches.

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