



# CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL BCR<sup>®</sup> – 280R

## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

LAKE SEDIMENT		
	Mass Fraction	
	Certified value <sup>1)</sup> [mg/kg]	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> [mg/kg]
As	33.4	2.9
Cd	0.85	0.10
Co	16.8	0.9
Cr	126	7
Cu	53	6
Hg	1.46	0.20
Ni	69	5
Zn	224	25

1) Unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data, each set being obtained in a different laboratory and/or with a different method of determination. The certified values are traceable to the SI.  
2) Expanded uncertainty with a coverage factor  $k = 2$  according to the Guide for the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement, corresponding to a level of confidence of about 95 %.

This certificate is valid for one year after purchase.

Sales date:

The minimum amount of sample to be used is 300 mg.

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<b>Indicative Values</b>		
	Mass Fraction	
	Indicative value <sup>1)</sup> [mg/kg]	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> [mg/kg]
Se	0.46	0.09
Sn	9.5	1.7

1) Unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data, each set being obtained in a different laboratory and/or with a different method of determination. The indicative values are traceable to the SI, while it should be noted that the indicative value for Sn has been obtained using only ICP-MS methods.

2) Expanded uncertainty with a coverage factor  $k = 4.30$  (Se) and  $k = 3.18$  (Sn) according to the Guide for the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement, corresponding to a level of confidence of about 95 %.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE

The material consists of 30 g of powder, bottled in amber glass bottles, packaged under argon and closed with polyethylene inserts and plastic screw caps.

## ANALYTICAL METHOD USED FOR CERTIFICATION

- Atomic fluorescence spectrometry (AFS)
- Cold vapour atomic absorption spectrometry (CVAAS)
- Differential pulse anodic stripping voltammetry (DPASV)
- Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry (ETAAS)
- Flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS)
- Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry (ICPAES)
- Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICPMS)
- Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry using isotope dilution (ICPMS-ID)
- Instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA)
- $k_0$ -neutron activation analysis ( $k_0$ -NAA)
- Radiochemical neutron activation analysis (RNAA)
- Thermal ionisation mass spectrometry using isotope dilution (IDTIMS)

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## SAFETY INFORMATION

Not applicable.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

The certified values refer to dry mass. A dry mass determination should always be carried out on separate subsamples.

The dry mass determination should be carried out by drying a sample of at least 1 g in a ventilated oven at  $105 \pm 2$  °C for at least 3 hours, until constant weight is achieved. Samples should be cooled down in a desiccator.

Bottles should be thoroughly shaken before opening to rehomogenise the material.

The minimum amount of sample to be used is 300 mg.

The main purpose of the material is to assess method performance, i.e. for checking accuracy of analytical results. As any reference material, it can also be used for control charts or validation studies.

## **STORAGE**

Samples can be stored at room temperature. Care should be taken to avoid moisture pick up once the bottles are opened.

However, the European Commission cannot be held responsible for changes that happen during storage of the material at the customer's premises, especially of opened samples.

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## **NOTE**

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