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# Certificate of Analysis 

## GTS-2

Gold Tailings Reference Material

RECOMMENDED VALUE

| Constituent | Au |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Mean | 0.263 | 0.0077 |
| $95 \%$ Confidence <br> limits | $\pm 0.005$ | $\pm 0.0001$ |

## DESCRIPTION

GTS-2 is a gold tailings sample obtained from Placer Dome Canada Limited, South Porcupine, Ontario. It is intended to replace GTS-1, which is now depleted. GTS-1 was a composite of tailing from Placer Dome and the Macassa Division of Lac Minerals.

The sample for GTS-2 was taken from the No. 5 Dam and shipped under water in two 45 -gallon drums to CANMET for processing.

The liquid from the bulk sample was decanted, and the remainder was dried on steam beds for 12 hours. Once dried, the material was passed through a jaw crusher to break up agglomerates.

The resultant sample was screened directly, in batches, without further milling. The weight of -200 -mesh material obtained was 611 kg .

GTS-2 was blended according to a split-blending protocol, and bottled in $1497400-\mathrm{g}$ units.

The ore at Placer Dome Canada's Dome Mine consists of gold in quartz and ankerite; pyrite and pyrrhotite are present to the extent of about $2.5 \%$. The host rocks are intermediate greenstone, conglomerate, slate, and porphyry. The ore is treated with sodium cyanide, and the gangue is disposed of as tailings.

The homogeneity of the stock with respect to its gold content was confirmed at CANMET using bottles chosen according to a stratified random sampling scheme.

## CERTIFICATION

Thirty-one industrial, commercial, and government laboratories participated in an interlaboratory certification program by providing gold analyses by methods of each laboratory's choice. Several laboratories also provided analyses for many other elements. A statistical analysis of the data yielded a certified value for gold and information values for twenty other constituents. Data for the remaining elements was either inadequate or inconclusive, but will be disclosed in the final report.

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## INFORMATION VALUES

| Constituent | wt $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 12. |
| $\mathrm{CaO}_{3}$ | 5.7 |
| $\mathrm{Fe}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ tot | 11.1 |
| $\mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 2.2 |
| $\mathrm{MgO}^{\mathrm{Na}} \mathrm{O}$ | 4.3 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | 0.9 |
| $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ | 0.2 |
| TiO | 50. |
| $\mathrm{LOI}_{2}$ | 0.75 |
| S tot | 9.3 |
| C tot | 0.8 |


| Element | $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ag | 1 |
| As | 110 |
| Ba | 190 |
| Cr | 250 |
| Cu | 100 |
| Ni | 90 |
| Sr | 95 |
| V | 40 |
| Zn | 210 |

## REFERENCE

The preparation and certification procedures used for GTS-2 will be given in CANMET report CCRMP 94$7 E$ which is in preparation. This report will be made available free of charge on application to:

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