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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Alumina and Materials used in Aluminium Production, to provide an XRF method for the analysis of alumina.

The objective of this Standard is to provide those responsible for the analysis of smelting-grade alumina with a standardized, validated procedure that will ensure the integrity of the analysis.

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1 SCOPE This Standard sets out a wavelength dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometric method for the analysis of aluminium oxide for trace amounts of any or all of the following elements: sodium, silicon, iron, calcium, titanium, phosphorus, vanadium, zinc, manganese, gallium, potassium, copper, chromium and nickel (expressed as the oxides Na_2O , SiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , CaO , TiO_2 , P_2O_5 , V_2O_5 , ZnO , MnO , Ga_2O_3 , K_2O , CuO , Cr_2O_3 and NiO on an as-received basis).

The method is applicable to smelting-grade aluminium oxide. The concentration range covered for each of the components is given in Table 1.

TABLE 1
APPLICABLE CONCENTRATION RANGE

Component	Concentration range (%)
Na_2O	0.10 to 1.00
SiO_2	0.005 to 0.05
Fe_2O_3	0.005 to 0.05
CaO	0.01 to 0.10
TiO_2	0.001 to 0.010
P_2O_5	0.001 to 0.050
V_2O_5	0.001 to 0.010
ZnO	0.001 to 0.010
MnO	0.001 to 0.010
Ga_2O_3	0.001 to 0.020
K_2O	0.001 to 0.010
CuO	0.001 to 0.010
Cr_2O_3	0.001 to 0.010
NiO	0.001 to 0.010

REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS 2508	Safe storage and handling information cards for hazardous materials
AS 2508.8.013	Part 8.013: Hydrofluoric acid (aqueous)
AS 2563	Wavelength dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometers—Determination of precision
AS 2706	Numeric values—Rounding and interpretation of limiting values