

## 1.0 ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

**INORGANIC VENTURES** is accredited to ISO Guide 34, "General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers" and ISO/IEC 17025, "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories".

Inorganic Ventures is also an ISO 9001 registered manufacturer (SAI Global File Number 010105).



## 2.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Product Code: Single Analyte Custom Grade Solution

Catalog Number: CGAG1

Lot Number: J2-AG03048

Matrix: 5% (v/v) HNO<sub>3</sub>

Value / Analyte(s): 1 000 µg/mL ea:  
Silver

Starting Material: Ag shot

Starting Material Lot#: 1641

Starting Material Purity: 99.9999%

## 3.0 CERTIFIED VALUES AND UNCERTAINTIES

**Certified Value:** 999 ± 6 µg/mL

**Certified Density:** 1.027 g/mL (measured at 20 ± 1 °C)

### Assay Information:

**Assay Method #1**                      **998 ± 5 µg/mL**  
ICP Assay NIST SRM 3151 Lot Number: 992212

**Assay Method #2**                      **999 ± 2 µg/mL**  
Volhard NIST SRM 999b Lot Number: 999b

- The Calculated Value is a value calculated from the weight of a starting material that has been certified directly vs. a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) SRM/RM. See Sec 4.2 for balance traceability.

The following equations are used in the calculation of the certified value and the uncertainty. Reported uncertainties represent expanded uncertainties expressed at approximately the 95% confidence level using a coverage factor of k = 2.

**Characterization of CRM/RM by Two Methods**

Certified Value,  $X_{CRM/RM}$ , where two methods of characterization are used is the weighted mean of the two results:

$$X_{CRM/RM} = [(w_a)(X_a) + (w_b)(X_b)]$$

$X_a$  = mean of Assay Method A with standard uncertainty  $u_{char a}$

$X_b$  = mean of Assay Method B with standard uncertainty  $u_{char b}$

$w_a$  and  $w_b$  = the weighting factors for each method calculated using the inverse square of the variance:

$$w_a = (1/u_{char a})^2 / ((1/u_{char a})^2 + (1/u_{char b})^2)$$

$$w_b = (1/u_{char b})^2 / ((1/u_{char a})^2 + (1/u_{char b})^2)$$

$$CRM/RM \text{ Expanded Uncertainty } (\pm) = U_{CRM/RM} = k (u_{char a\&b}^2 + u_{bb}^2 + u_{lts}^2 + u_{sts}^2)^{1/2}$$

k = coverage factor = 2 in all cases at Inorganic Ventures

$u_{char a\&b} = [(w_a)^2 (u_{char a})^2 + (w_b)^2 (u_{char b})^2]^{1/2}$  where  $u_{char a}$  and  $u_{char b}$  are the square root of the sum of the squares of errors from characterization which include instrument measurement, density, NIST SRM uncertainty, weighing, and volume

$u_{bb}$  = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty

$u_{lts}$  = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

$u_{sts}$  = short term stability standard uncertainty (transportation)

**Characterization of CRM/RM by One Method**

Certified Value,  $X_{CRM/RM}$ , where one method of characterization is used is the mean of individual results:

$$X_{CRM/RM} = \text{mean of Assay Method A with standard uncertainty } u_{char a}$$

$$CRM/RM \text{ Expanded Uncertainty } (\pm) = U_{CRM/RM} = k (u_{char a}^2 + u_{bb}^2 + u_{lts}^2 + u_{sts}^2)^{1/2}$$

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$u_{char a}$  = square root of the sum of the squares of the errors from characterization which include instrumental measurement, density, NIST SRM uncertainty, weighing, and volume

$u_{bb}$  = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty

$u_{lts}$  = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

$u_{sts}$  = short term stability standard uncertainty (transportation)

**4.0 TRACEABILITY TO NIST**

- This product is traceable to NIST via an unbroken chain of comparisons. The uncertainties for each certified value are reported, taking into account the SRM/RM uncertainty error and the measurement, weighing and volume dilution errors. In rare cases where no NIST SRM/RM are available, the term 'in-house std.' is specified.

**4.1 Thermometer Calibration**

- All thermometers are NIST traceable through thermometers that are calibrated by an accredited calibration laboratory.

**4.2 Balance Calibration**

- All analytical balances are calibrated by an accredited calibration laboratory and procedure. The weights used for testing are annually compared to master weights and are traceable to NIST.

**4.3 Glassware Calibration**

- An in-house procedure is used to calibrate all Class A glassware used in the manufacturing and quality control of CRM/RMs.

**5.0 TRACE METALLIC IMPURITIES (TMI ) DETERMINED BY ICP-MS AND ICP-OES (µg/mL)**

CRM/RMs are tested for trace metallic impurities by Axial ICP-OES and ICP-MS. The result from the most sensitive method for each element, is reported below. Solutions tested by ICP-MS were analyzed in an ULPA-Filtered Clean Room. An ULPA-Filter is 99.9985% efficient for the removal of particles down to 0.3 µm.

s Ag <	M Eu < 0.007546	O Na 0.000119	M Se < 0.020123	O Zn 0.000198
O Al 0.000158	O Fe < 0.001000	M Nb < 0.001257	O Si < 0.003400	M Zr < 0.012577
M As < 0.025154	M Ga < 0.002515	M Nd < 0.005030	M Sm < 0.002515	
O Au < 0.003000	M Gd < 0.002515	O Ni < 0.003000	M Sn < 0.012577	
M B < 0.176078	M Ge < 0.015092	n Os <	M Sr < 0.001257	
M Ba < 0.025154	M Hf < 0.005030	O P < 0.003000	M Ta < 0.017607	
M Be < 0.001257	O Hg < 0.015000	M Pb < 0.007546	M Tb < 0.000754	
M Bi < 0.001006	M Ho < 0.001257	O Pd < 0.004000	M Te < 0.075462	
O Ca 0.000873	M In < 0.025154	M Pr < 0.000754	M Th < 0.002515	
O Cd < 0.005000	M Ir < 0.012577	O Pt < 0.017000	M Ti < 0.125770	
M Ce < 0.012577	O K 0.000198	M Rb < 0.002515	M Tl < 0.002515	
M Co < 0.007546	M La < 0.001257	M Re < 0.002515	M Tm < 0.001006	
M Cr < 0.012577	O Li < 0.000020	M Rh < 0.002515	M U < 0.005030	
M Cs < 0.000754	M Lu < 0.001006	M Ru < 0.005030	M V < 0.005030	
O Cu < 0.003000	O Mg < 0.000030	O S < 0.025000	M W < 0.025154	
M Dy < 0.015092	M Mn < 0.010061	M Sb < 0.001257	M Y < 0.100616	
M Er < 0.012577	M Mo < 0.005030	M Sc < 0.025154	M Yb < 0.002515	

M - Checked by ICP-MS      O - Checked by ICP-OES      i - Spectral Interference  
 n - Not Checked For      s - Solution Standard Element

## 6.0 INTENDED USE

- For the calibration of analytical instruments and validation of analytical methods as appropriate.

## 7.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THIS REFERENCE MATERIAL

### 7.1 Storage and Handling Recommendations

- Keep cap tightly sealed when not in use. Store and use at  $20 \pm 4^\circ \text{C}$ . Do not pipette from the container. Do not return removed aliquots to container.

**Atomic Weight; Valence; Coordination Number; Chemical Form in Solution** - 107.87 +1 6 Ag(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>

**Chemical Compatibility** -Stable in HNO<sub>3</sub>, and HF. Avoid basic media. Ag forms more insoluble salts than any other metal. It also is subject to photochemical reduction to the metal in HCl media although 10 µg/mL solutions in 10% HCl [ AgCl<sub>x</sub>1-x] are commonly used in the analytical laboratory. The most common solubility problems exist with arsenate, arsenite, bromide, chloride, iodide, carbonate, chromate, cyanide, iodate, oxalate, oxide, sulfate, sulfide, tartrate, and thiocyanate in aqueous media. The addition of nitric acid renders many of these salts soluble.

**Stability** - 2-100 ppb levels stable for 75+ days when mixed with equivalent levels of all other elements including the precious metals (where chloride is present) when in 1% HNO<sub>3</sub> / LDPE container. 1-10,000 ppm solutions chemically stable for years in 1-5% HNO<sub>3</sub> / LDPE container.

**Ag Containing Samples (Preparation and Solution)** -Metal (Soluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>); Oxides (Soluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>); Ores (Digestion with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub>).

**Atomic Spectroscopic Information (ICP-OES D.L.s are given as radial/axial view):**

Technique/Line	Estimated D.L.	Order	Interferences (underlined indicates severe)
ICP-MS 107 amu	1 ppt	N/A	91Zr16O
ICP-OES 243.779 nm	0.12/0.01 µg/mL	1	Mn, Th, Ni, Rh
ICP-OES 328.068 nm	0.007/0.0007 µg/mL	1	Ce, Rh, V
ICP-OES 338.289 nm	0.013/0.001 µg/mL	1	Ce, Cr, Th

## 8.0 HAZARDOUS INFORMATION

- Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding this CRM/RM.

## 9.0 HOMOGENEITY

- This solution was mixed according to an in-house procedure and is guaranteed to be homogeneous. Homogeneity data indicate that the end user should take a minimum sample size of 0.2 mL to assure homogeneity.

## 10.0 QUALITY STANDARD DOCUMENTATION

### 10.1 10CFR50 Appendix B - Nuclear Regulatory Commission

- Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities

### 10.2 10CFR21 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission

- Reporting defects and Non-Compliance

### 10.3 ISO 9001 Quality Management System Registration

- SAI Global File Number 010105

### 10.4 ISO/IEC Guide 17025 "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories"

- Chemical Testing - Accredited / A2LA Certificate Number 883.01

### 10.5 ISO Guide 34 "General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers"

- Reference Material Producer - Accredited / A2LA Certificate Number 883.02

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## 11.0 CERTIFICATION, EXPIRATION AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY

**11.1 Certification Issue Date**

March 30, 2015

**11.2 Expiration Date**

**11.3 Period of Validity**

- The certification is valid within the measurement uncertainty specified provided the CRM/RM is handled and stored in accordance with instructions given in Sec 7.0 and used prior to the date given in Sec 11.2. This certification is nullified if the CRM/RM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

**12.0 NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF CERTIFYING OFFICERS**

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