

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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# 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 Mass Spec Solution |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Catalog Number:           | MSRH-10PPM                        |
| Lot Number:               | J2-RH02015                        |
| Matrix:                   | 15% (v/v) HCl                     |
| Value / Analyte(s):       | 10 μg/mL ea:<br>Rh                |
| Starting Material:        | RhCl3                             |
| Starting Material Lot#:   | 1747                              |
| Starting Material Purity: | 99.9985%                          |

# 3.0 CERTIFIED VALUES AND UNCERTAINTIES

| Certified Value:   | 10.000 ± 0.064 μg/mL               |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Certified Density: | 1.030 g/mL (measured at 20 ± 1 °C) |

## Assay Information:

| ANALYTE | METHOD     | NIST SRM# | SRM LOT#     |
|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Rh      | Calculated |           | See Sec. 4.2 |
| Rh      | ICP Assay  | 3144      | 070619       |

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:

#### $\boldsymbol{X}_{\text{CRM/RM}} = [(\boldsymbol{w}_a) \; (\boldsymbol{X}_a) + (\boldsymbol{w}_b) \; (\boldsymbol{X}_b)]$

- $X_a$  = mean of Assay Method A with standard uncertainty u<sub>char a</sub>
- $X_b$  = 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:

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

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

 $\mathbf{k}$  = coverage factor = 2 in all cases at Inorganic Ventures

uchar a&b = [(w<sub>a</sub>)<sup>2</sup> (u<sub>char a</sub>)<sup>2</sup> + (w<sub>b</sub>)<sup>2</sup> (u<sub>char b</sub>)<sup>2</sup>]<sup>1/2</sup> where u<sub>char a</sub> and u<sub>char b</sub> are the square root of the squares of errors from characterization which include instrument measurement, density, NIST SRM uncertainty, weighing, and volume

- ubb = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty
- ults = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

usts = short term stability standard uncertainty (transportation)

### 4.0 TRACEABILITY TO NIST

CRM/RM Expanded Uncertainty (±) =  $U_{CRM/RM} = k (u^2_{char a} + u^2_{bb} + u^2_{lts} + u^2_{sts})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ k = coverage factor = 2 in all cases at Inorganic Ventures

uchar 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

ubb = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty

u<sub>lts</sub> = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

u<sub>sts</sub> = short term stability standard uncertainty (transportation)

- 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.

| Μ | Ag |   | 0.000003 | М | Eu | < | 0.000300 | 0 | Na |   | 0.000209 | i | Se | < |          | М | Zn |   | 0.000065 |
|---|----|---|----------|---|----|---|----------|---|----|---|----------|---|----|---|----------|---|----|---|----------|
| 0 | Al | < | 0.003000 | i | Fe | < |          | Μ | Nb | < | 0.000050 | i | Si | < |          | М | Zr | < | 0.000500 |
| i | As | < |          | Μ | Ga | < | 0.000100 | Μ | Nd | < | 0.000200 | Μ | Sm | < | 0.000100 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Au |   | 0.000006 | М | Gd | < | 0.000100 | i | Ni | < |          | Μ | Sn | < | 0.000500 |   |    |   |          |
| i | В  | < |          | М | Ge | < | 0.000601 | n | Os | < |          | Μ | Sr | < | 0.000050 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Ва |   | 0.000023 | М | Hf | < | 0.000200 | i | Ρ  | < | 0.002500 | Μ | Та |   | 0.000034 |   |    |   |          |
| 0 | Be | < | 0.000200 | i | Hg | < |          | М | Pb |   | 0.000005 | Μ | Tb | < | 0.000030 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Bi |   | 0.000046 | М | Ho | < | 0.000050 | М | Pd |   | 0.000030 | Μ | Те | < | 0.003005 |   |    |   |          |
| 0 | Са |   | 0.000209 | М | In | < | 0.001001 | М | Pr | < | 0.000030 | Μ | Th | < | 0.000100 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Cd |   | 0.000028 | М | lr |   | 0.000100 | М | Pt |   | 0.000040 | 0 | Ti | < | 0.000700 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Ce | < | 0.000500 | 0 | Κ  | < | 0.001700 | М | Rb | < | 0.000100 | Μ | ΤI |   | 0.000086 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Co |   | 0.000057 | М | La | < | 0.000050 | М | Re | < | 0.000100 | Μ | Tm | < | 0.000040 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Cr | < | 0.000500 | 0 | Li | < | 0.000030 | S | Rh | < |          | Μ | U  | < | 0.000200 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Cs | < | 0.000030 | М | Lu | < | 0.000040 | М | Ru |   | 0.000022 | 0 | V  | < | 0.000900 |   |    |   |          |
| 0 | Cu | < | 0.001100 | М | Mg |   | 0.000038 | i | S  | < |          | Μ | W  | < | 0.001001 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Dy | < | 0.000601 | 0 | Mn | < | 0.001000 | М | Sb |   | 0.000020 | Μ | Υ  | < | 0.004006 |   |    |   |          |
| Μ | Er | < | 0.000500 | М | Мо | < | 0.000200 | М | Sc | < | 0.001001 | М | Yb | < | 0.000100 |   |    |   |          |
|   |    |   |          |   |    |   |          |   |    |   |          |   |    |   |          |   |    |   |          |

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

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#### Characterization of CRM/RM by One Method Certified Value, X<sub>CRM/RM</sub>, where one method of characterization is used is the mean of individual results:

XCRM/RM = mean of Assay Method A with standard uncertainty uchar a

## 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  $20 \pm 4^{\circ}$  C. Do not pipette from the container. Do not return removed aliquots to container.

Atomic Weight; Valence; Coordination Number; Chemical Form in Solution - 102.91 +3 6 RhClx-(x = f [Cl-]] ) Chemical Compatibility -Soluble in HCl, HNO3, H2SO4 and HF aqueous matrices. May cause AgCl 9 precipitation when mixed with Ag+. Stable with all other metals.

**Stability** - 2-100 ppb levels stable for months in 1 % HNO3/LDPE container. 1-10,000 ppm solutions chemically stable for years in 10 % HCl / LDPE container.

**Rh Containing Samples (Preparation and Solution)** -Metal (Elevated temperature with aqua regia or HCI/CI2(gas)); Ores (HF/H2SO4 digestion followed by aqua regia digestion); Platinum Scrap (Aqua regia digestion).

| Technique/Line         | Estimated D.L.   | Order | Interferences (underlined indicates severe) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| ICP-MS 103 amu, monois | 1 ppt            | N/A   | 40Ar63Cu,                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                        |                  |       | 87Rb16O, 87Sr16O,                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                        |                  |       | 206Pb+2                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ICP-OES 233.477 nm     | 0.04/0.004 µg/mL | 1     | Ni, Sn, Mo, Nb, Ta                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ICP-OES 249.077 nm     | 0.06/0.006 µg/mL | 1     | Ta, Co, Fe W, Cr,<br>Os                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ICP-OES 343.489 nm     | 0.06/0.006 µg/mL | 1     | Mo, Th, Ce                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# 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/IEC Guide 34 "General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers"

- Reference Material Producer - Accredited / A2LA Certificate Number 883.02

### 11.0 CERTIFICATION, EXPIRATION AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY

# 11.1 Certification Issue Date

September 17, 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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