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## REFERENCE MATERIAL: CDN-CM-53

Copper	0.252 % ± 0.006 %	Certified value	4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish
Copper	0.254 % ± 0.008 %	Certified value	Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish
Copper	0.029 % ± 0.005 %	Provisional mean	Cu by cyanide leach/ ICP or AA finish
Copper	0.030 %	Indicated mean	Cu (non-sulfide) sulfuric acid/ ICP or AA finish
Molybdenum	0.005 % ± 0.00003 %	Certified value	4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish
Molybdenum	0.005 % ± 0.00013 %	Certified value	Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish
Iron	3.85 % ± 0.26 %	Certified value	4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish
Iron	3.13 % ± 0.29 %	Certified value	Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish

Recommended values and the “Between Lab” Two Standard Deviations

**Note 1:** Standards with an RSD of near or less than 5% are certified; RSD’s of between 5% and 15% are Provisional; RSD’s over 15% are Indicated. Provisional and Indicated values cannot be used to monitor accuracy with a high degree of certainty.

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### **ORIGIN OF REFERENCE MATERIAL:**

Standard CM-53 was prepared using the ore that was supplied by Taseko Mines from their Gibraltar copper-molybdenum mine, located in south-central British Columbia.

### **METHOD OF PREPARATION:**

Reject ore material was dried, crushed, pulverized, and then passed through a 270-mesh screen. The +270 material was discarded. The -270 material was mixed for 5 days in a double-cone mixer. Splits were taken and sent to 15 commercial laboratories for round robin assaying.

### **Assay Procedures:**

**Cu:** 4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish  
**Cu:** Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish  
**Cu:** Cu (non-sulfide) sulfuric acid/ ICP or AA finish  
**Cu:** Cu by cyanide leach/ ICP or AA finish  
**Mo:** 4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish  
**Mo:** Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish  
**Fe:** 4 Acid digestion / ICP or AES finish  
**Fe:** Aqua Regia digestion / ICP or AES finish

**Statistical Procedures:**

The final limits were calculated after first determining if all data was compatible within a spread normally expected for similar analytical methods done by reputable laboratories. Data from any one laboratory was removed from further calculations when the mean of all analyses from that laboratory failed a t test of the global means of the other laboratories. The means and standard deviations were calculated using all remaining data. Any analysis that fell outside of the mean ±2 standard deviations was removed from the ensuing database. The mean and standard deviations were again calculated using the remaining data. This method is different from that used by Government agencies in that the actual “between-laboratory” standard deviation is used in the calculations. This produces upper and lower limits that reflect actual individual analyses rather than a grouped set of analyses. The limits can therefore be used to monitor accuracy from individual analyses, unlike the Confidence Limits published on other standards.

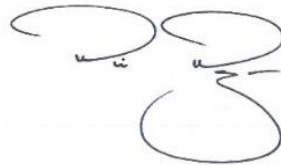
**Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures:**

**Screening Test:** After completion of homogenization, three samples, 300g each of homogenized material was randomly collected and was re-screened by a testing sieve. Over size material of this standard and based on CDN’s screening test was ~%1.0.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

This certificate and the reference material described in it have been prepared with due care and attention. However, CDN Resource Laboratories Ltd. nor Barry Smee accept any liability for any decisions or actions taken following the use of the reference material. Our liability is limited solely to the cost of the reference material.

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**APPENDIX I:**

Whole rock analysis and 30 element ICP analysis (4-acid digestion) were also conducted on 3 samples.

**APPROXIMATE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (by whole rock analysis):**

Analyte	Percent	Analyte	Percent
SiO <sub>2</sub>	64.6	K <sub>2</sub> O	1.6
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.0	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.4
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.8	MnO	<0.1
CaO	3.5	LOI	3.3
MgO	1.9	Total S	1.1
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.1	Total C	0.27

**Participating Laboratories:** (not in same order as table of assays)

Activation Labs, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada	Bureau Veritas, Perth, Australia
Activation Labs, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	Bureau Veritas, Vancouver, BC, Canada
ALS, Brisbane, Australia	Certimin S.A., Lima, Peru
ALS, Perth, Australia	MS Analytical, Langley, BC, Canada
ALS Lima, Peru	SGS Lakefield, ON, Canada
ALS, Loughrea, Ireland	SGS, Vancouver, BC, Canada
ALS Reno, NV, USA	Swastika Laboratories, ON. Canada
ALS Canada, North Vancouver, BC, Canada	

**APPENDIX II: Results from round-robin assaying:**

Sample	Lab 1	Lab 2	Lab 3	Lab 8	Lab 4	Lab 5	Lab 6	Lab 7	Lab 9	Lab 10	Lab 11	Lab 12	Lab 13	Lab 14	Lab 15
	Cu (%) 4Acid digestion and Instrumental finish														
CM-53	0.259	0.251		0.252	0.256	0.254	0.251	0.248	0.253	0.251	0.256	0.242	0.251	0.239	0.25
	0.254	0.248		0.251	0.254	0.255	0.258	0.253	0.251	0.247	0.254	0.241	0.252	0.238	0.25
	0.259	0.247		0.250	0.254	0.255	0.251	0.246	0.253	0.248	0.251	0.242	0.256	0.242	0.25
	0.251	0.240		0.250	0.258	0.253	0.253	0.250	0.252	0.246	0.255	0.245	0.254	0.240	0.25
	0.249	0.247		0.251	0.258	0.253	0.248	0.250	0.252	0.249	0.254	0.242	0.246	0.242	0.25
	0.259	0.248		0.252	0.253	0.254	0.249	0.251	0.251	0.250	0.257	0.242	0.254	0.241	0.25
	0.252	0.254		0.251	0.257	0.254	0.255	0.249	0.252	0.249	0.255	0.244	0.252	0.243	0.25
	0.250	0.252		0.250	0.254	0.252	0.258	0.253	0.254	0.251	0.268	0.242	0.253	0.241	0.26
	0.260	0.246		0.249	0.257	0.255	0.265	0.250	0.251	0.250	0.257	0.241	0.253	0.237	0.25
	0.256	0.247		0.251	0.256	0.255	0.255	0.250	0.251	0.250	0.254	0.244	0.255	0.242	0.25
<b>Mean</b>	0.255	0.248		0.251	0.256	0.254	0.254	0.250	0.252	0.249	0.256	0.243	0.253	0.241	0.25
<b>Std. Devn.</b>	0.004	0.004		0.001	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.003
<b>% RSD</b>	1.66	1.54		0.38	0.72	0.41	2.01	0.84	0.42	0.67	1.77	0.56	1.09	0.81	1.26
Cu (%) Aqua Regia digestion and Instrumental finish															
CM-53	0.256	0.249	0.253	0.257	0.252	0.256	0.260	0.257	0.258	0.264	0.256	0.244	0.254	0.265	0.25
	0.255	0.254	0.252	0.259	0.250	0.257	0.258	0.258	0.257	0.260	0.255	0.241	0.258	0.262	0.25
	0.249	0.247	0.253	0.257	0.251	0.255	0.255	0.253	0.256	0.267	0.258	0.246	0.257	0.266	0.25
	0.246	0.252	0.247	0.255	0.252	0.254	0.258	0.259	0.256	0.267	0.255	0.246	0.258	0.266	0.25
	0.247	0.258	0.243	0.257	0.253	0.255	0.254	0.256	0.254	0.266	0.255	0.245	0.253	0.266	0.25
	0.253	0.253	0.245	0.254	0.253	0.254	0.258	0.258	0.255	0.266	0.255	0.246	0.259	0.265	0.25
	0.255	0.256	0.244	0.256	0.251	0.255	0.256	0.255	0.255	0.257	0.254	0.247	0.260	0.265	0.25
	0.247	0.251	0.243	0.254	0.250	0.254	0.257	0.253	0.256	0.252	0.254	0.247	0.257	0.263	0.25
	0.252	0.252	0.241	0.255	0.252	0.253	0.259	0.250	0.251	0.254	0.255	0.243	0.255	0.266	0.25
	0.253	0.256	0.238	0.258	0.253	0.255	0.253	0.252	0.250	0.252	0.258	0.243	0.258	0.264	0.25
<b>Mean</b>	0.251	0.253	0.246	0.256	0.252	0.255	0.257	0.255	0.255	0.261	0.256	0.245	0.257	0.26	0.25
<b>Std. Devn.</b>	0.004	0.003	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.000
<b>% RSD</b>	1.49	1.33	2.13	0.66	0.46	0.45	0.88	1.18	0.99	2.42	0.56	0.81	0.87	0.53	0.00
Cu (%) Weak Acid digestion and Instrumental finish															
CM-53	0.025	0.026		0.029	0.029	0.009	0.034	0.032	0.029	0.0382	0.035		0.038	0.020	
	0.024	0.025		0.030	0.029	0.011	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.0378	0.034		0.039	0.016	
	0.026	0.025		0.029	0.029	0.010	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.0384	0.031		0.038	0.022	
	0.026	0.026		0.028	0.030	0.011	0.033	0.032	0.029	0.0377	0.035		0.038	0.017	
	0.024	0.025		0.027	0.028	0.011	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.0394	0.029		0.038	0.021	
	0.025	0.028		0.030	0.029	0.011	0.035	0.031	0.029	0.0369	0.027		0.039	0.020	
	0.027	0.025		0.029	0.029	0.012	0.034	0.032	0.029	0.0372	0.029		0.038	0.017	
	0.026	0.025		0.030	0.029	0.012	0.034	0.032	0.029	0.0381	0.020		0.035	0.016	
	0.026	0.024		0.030	0.030	0.012	0.036	0.032	0.029	0.0387	0.020		0.037	0.019	
	0.027	0.025		0.031	0.029	0.010	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.0376	0.018		0.036	0.020	
<b>Mean</b>	0.03	0.03		0.029	0.029	0.011	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.0380	0.028		0.038	0.019	
<b>Std. Devn.</b>	0.001	0.001		0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.006		0.001	0.002	
<b>% RSD</b>	3.87	4.12		3.96	1.95	9.12	2.44	0.99	0.00	1.92	23.18		3.36	11.44	

Cu (%) Cyanide Leach and Instrumental finish																
CM-53		0.032		0.028	0.027	0.029	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.03		0.031	0.039		
		0.032		0.029	0.026	0.028	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.03		0.030	0.040		
		0.032		0.029	0.026	0.027	0.033	0.026	0.013		0.04		0.030	0.040		
		0.033		0.028	0.026	0.027	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.04		0.030	0.039		
		0.032		0.028	0.027	0.028	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.04		0.032	0.040		
		0.033		0.029	0.027	0.029	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.04		0.031	0.040		
		0.032		0.028	0.026	0.027	0.033	0.027	0.013		0.04		0.032	0.040		
		0.033		0.028	0.025	0.028	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.04		0.031	0.040		
		0.032		0.028	0.026	0.027	0.030	0.027	0.014		0.04		0.031	0.039		
		0.033		0.029	0.026	0.028	0.033	0.026	0.013		0.04		0.031	0.040		
<b>Mean</b>		0.032		0.028	0.026	0.028	0.033	0.026	0.014		0.04		0.031	0.040		
<b>Std. Devn.</b>		0.001		0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000		0.004		0.001	0.000		
<b>% RSD</b>		1.59		1.82	2.41	2.84	2.90	1.61	3.53		11.10		2.39	1.22		
Mo (%) 4Acid digestion and Instrumental finish																
CM-53		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.00505	0.005	0.0051	0.005	0.0048	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00500	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0047	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00515	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.0045	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00500	0.005	0.0049	0.005	0.0047	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00510	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0048	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00505	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0047	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00515	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0047	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00490	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.0049	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00495	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0048	0.005
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00510	0.005	0.0050	0.005	0.0048	0.005
<b>Mean</b>		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00505	0.005	0.0049	0.005	0.0047	0.005	
<b>Std. Devn.</b>		0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
<b>% RSD</b>		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	6.45	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.00	2.36	0.00	2.27	8.78
Mo (%) Aqua Regia digestion and Instrumental finish																
CM-53		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00488	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0051	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00494	0.005	0.0046	0.005	0.0050	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00500	0.005	0.0047	0.005	0.0051	0.004
		0.007	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00494	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0049	0.004
		0.006	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00490	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0052	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00490	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0052	0.004
		0.006	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00486	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0050	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00488	0.005	0.0049	0.005	0.0051	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00482	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0051	0.004
		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00486	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0050	0.004
<b>Mean</b>		0.005	0.005		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.00490	0.005	0.0048	0.005	0.0051	0.004	
<b>Std. Devn.</b>		0.001	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
<b>% RSD</b>		12.95	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.00	1.65	0.00	1.87	0.00	

Fe (%) 4Acid digestion and Instrumental finish															
CM-53	3.90	3.82		3.82	3.48	3.67	3.85	3.69	3.79	4.01	4.09	3.72	3.77	4.03	3.9
	3.87	3.89		3.90	3.43	3.63	3.93	3.68	3.61	4.03	4.06	3.73	3.93	3.87	3.9
	3.87	3.84		3.83	3.35	3.65	4.05	3.70	3.60	4.00	3.97	3.74	3.96	3.95	3.9
	3.89	3.76		3.74	3.43	3.70	3.92	3.63	3.68	3.98	4.02	3.78	3.77	3.86	3.9
	3.88	3.93		3.67	3.72	3.60	3.87	3.77	3.60	3.98	4.03	3.75	3.59	3.77	3.9
	3.87	3.86		3.87	3.38	3.74	4.12	3.73	3.37	4.01	4.14	3.74	3.63	3.89	3.9
	3.85	3.91		3.83	3.47	3.73	3.85	3.77	3.67	4.01	4.07	3.76	3.85	3.93	3.9
	3.88	3.83		3.87	3.33	3.70	4.05	3.81	3.71	4.00	4.30	3.75	3.92	3.83	4.0
	3.88	3.85		3.81	3.37	3.68	3.91	3.82	3.70	3.98	4.10	3.75	3.97	3.94	3.9
	3.86	3.83		3.78	3.37	3.63	4.00	3.62	3.66	4.02	4.07	3.72	3.95	3.92	3.9
<b>Mean</b>	3.88	3.85		3.81	3.43	3.67	3.96	3.72	3.64	4.00	4.09	3.74	3.83	3.90	3.9
<b>Std. Devn.</b>	0.014	0.049		0.068	0.113	0.046	0.095	0.070	0.111	0.018	0.089	0.018	0.139	0.072	0.032
<b>% RSD</b>	0.37	1.27		1.78	3.28	1.24	2.39	1.88	3.05	0.44	2.18	0.49	3.63	1.85	0.81
Fe (%) Aqua Regia digestion and Instrumental finish															
CM-53	3.45	3.33		3.10	2.99	3.13	3.23	3.05	3.19	3.19	3.02	3.31	3.193	2.98	2.87
	3.41	3.43		3.11	3.02	3.16	3.20	3.06	3.15	3.17	3.02	3.33	3.185	2.98	2.87
	3.35	3.34		3.10	3.01	3.13	3.18	3.01	3.16	3.21	3.00	3.31	3.143	2.98	2.90
	3.27	3.34		3.08	3.03	3.11	3.18	2.94	3.13	3.16	3.01	3.33	3.135	3.00	2.94
	3.41	3.47		3.11	3.04	3.12	3.16	3.06	3.14	3.17	3.01	3.32	3.185	2.99	2.89
	3.42	3.44		3.08	3.02	3.10	3.16	3.05	3.14	3.20	3.03	3.34	3.253	2.96	2.90
	3.38	3.40		3.09	3.01	3.12	3.16	2.99	3.18	3.13	3.00	3.32	3.182	3.01	2.91
	3.37	3.38		3.06	3.02	3.11	3.17	3.02	3.14	3.05	2.98	3.34	3.178	2.97	2.91
	3.43	3.38		3.08	3.05	3.12	3.18	2.86	3.09	3.07	2.99	3.37	3.230	3.02	2.89
	3.38	3.42		3.09	3.06	3.11	3.13	2.94	3.08	3.03	3.02	3.35	3.199	3.02	2.90
<b>Mean</b>	3.39	3.39		3.09	3.03	3.121	3.18	3.00	3.14	3.14	3.008	3.33	3.188	2.99	2.90
<b>Std. Devn.</b>	0.051	0.047		0.016	0.021	0.017	0.027	0.066	0.035	0.065	0.015	0.019	0.035	0.021	0.020
<b>% RSD</b>	1.51	1.40		0.51	0.68	0.53	0.84	2.21	1.10	2.08	0.52	0.56	1.10	0.70	0.71

**Notes:**

- Cu results assayed by 4 Acid digestion with instrumental finish from Labs 14 and 12 were removed for failing the t test.
- Cu results assayed by Aqua Regia digestion with instrumental finish from Lab 14 were removed for failing the t test.
- Cu results assayed by weak acid digestion with instrumental finish from Labs 5 and 9 were removed for failing the t test.
- Cu results assayed by Cyanide Leach with instrumental finish from Labs 11 and 14 were removed for failing the t test.
- Mo results assayed by 4 Acid digestion with instrumental finish from Lab 14 were removed for failing the t test.
- Mo results assayed by Aqua Regia digestion with instrumental finish from Lab 15 were removed for failing the t test.
- Feo results assayed by 4 Acid digestion with instrumental finish from Lab 4 were removed for failing the t test.

## APPENDIX III: QAQC

Table below illustrates percentages of over size (+275 mesh) material in CDN-CM-53

Standard	Study Date	Total weight Screened (g)	Total weight Over size (g)	Percentage
CM-53	7/20/2023	300	3	1.0%
	7/20/2023	300	3	1.0%
	7/20/2023	300	3	1.0%

## APPENDIX IV: General Notes

### Intended Use

This Certified Reference Material, fit for use as a control sample in routine assay laboratory quality control when inserted within runs of test samples and measured in parallel to test samples. This material can also be used for method development, use as independent calibration verification check standard or for validation of accuracy in a method validation exercise.

This CRM can also be used to assess inter-laboratory or instrument bias and establish within-laboratory precision and within-laboratory reproducibility. The certified concentrations and expanded uncertainty for this material are property values based on an inter-laboratory measurement campaign and reflect consensus results from the laboratories that took part in the exercise.

### Handling

Do not use the product if the seal is broken or there are any signs of contamination.

The material is packaged in either Tin Tie envelopes, foil envelopes or jars that must be shaken before use.

### Storage information

The material should be stored in a dry place, in such a way that it does not compromise the integrity of the CRM. The material should be stored in conditions which will ensure it does not absorb moisture.

Certificate is not valid if re-packaged by a third party.

### Metrological Traceability

The values quoted herein are based on the consensus values derived from statistical analysis of the data from an inter-laboratory measurement program. Traceability to SI units is via the standards used by the individual laboratories all of which are accredited to the ISO17025 general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories and who have maintained measurement traceability during the analytical process.

### Period of Validity

The certified values are valid for this product, while still sealed in its original packaging, until notification to the contrary. The stability of the material will be subject to continuous testing for every five the duration of the inventory. Should product stability become an issue, all customers will be notified and notification to that effect will be placed on the <http://www.cdnlabs.com/> website.

### Minimum Sample Size

Most of the laboratory's reporting used a 0.5g sample size for the ICP and a 30g sample size for the fire assay. Our certified gold values are based on 30 g Fire Assay determinations. For optimal results, we strongly recommend you assay our standards with similar methods using "at least" 30 g of material. Using a smaller sample weight may result in erratic values. These are the recommended minimum sample sizes for the use of this material.