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Gesellschaft der Metallurgen und Bergleute e.V.

## Certified Reference Material

### BAM-M308a

AlZnMgCu1,5

#### Certified Values

| Element | Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup><br>in % | Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup><br>in % |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Si      | 0.072                               | 0.003                             |
| Fe      | 0.164                               | 0.005                             |
| Cu      | 1.36                                | 0.03                              |
| Mn      | 0.0343                              | 0.0005                            |
| Mg      | 2.28                                | 0.05                              |
| Cr      | 0.192                               | 0.004                             |
| Zn      | 5.61                                | 0.08                              |
|         | in mg/kg                            | in mg/kg                          |
| Ni      | 147                                 | 3                                 |
| Ti      | 257                                 | 7                                 |
| Ag      | 6.5                                 | 0.6                               |
| Be      | 1.8                                 | 0.1                               |
| Na      | 15.8                                | 2.2                               |
| Pb      | 43.6                                | 2.7                               |
| Zr      | 87.3                                | 2.6                               |

<sup>1)</sup> Unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data (consisting of at least 5 but usually 6 single results), each set being obtained by a different laboratory and/or a different method of measurement.

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated expanded uncertainty  $U$  with a coverage factor of  $k = 2$ , corresponding to a level of confidence of approx. 95 %, as defined in the Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement, (GUM, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008).

This certificate is valid until 07/2048.

## Values for information

| Element | Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup><br>in mg/kg | Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup><br>in mg/kg |
|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ca      | 10.8                                    | 1.6                                   |

<sup>1)</sup> Value was not certified, but given for information, because the number of accepted data sets was considered to be too low ( $n = 4$ ).

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated expanded uncertainty  $U$  with a coverage factor of  $k = 3$ , corresponding to a level of confidence of approx. 95 %, as defined in the Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement, (GUM, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008).

## Sample Description

The Reference Material is available in the form of discs (approx. 65 mm diameter and 30 mm height).

## Recommended Use

The CRM is intended for establishing or checking the calibration of spark optical emission and X-ray spectrometers for the analysis of samples of similar matrix composition. The minimum sample size for wet chemical analysis is 0.2 g.

## Instructions for Use

Before use, the surface of the material must be prepared by milling or turning on a lathe. For wet chemical analysis chips have to be prepared by turning or milling of the sample surface.

## Transport and Storage

The material should be stored in a dry and clean environment at room temperature. Transport under normal ambient conditions.

## Participating Laboratories

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## Metrological Traceability

The ensure traceable of the certified mass fractions to the SI (Système International d'Unités) calibration was performed using certified standard solutions or pure metals or substances of known stoichiometry.

## Technical Report

A detailed technical report describing the analysis procedures and the treatment of the analytical data used to certify BAM-M308a is available on request or can be downloaded from BAM website ([www.bam.de](http://www.bam.de)).

## Means of Accepted Data Sets

| Line No.    | Certified values<br>Mass fraction in % |        |       |        |       |        |      | Mass fraction in mg/kg |       |      |      |       |      |      | Values for information<br>Mass fraction in mg/kg |  |  |
|-------------|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------|------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|--|--|--|
|             | Si                                     | Fe     | Cu    | Mn     | Mg    | Cr     | Zn   | Ni                     | Ti    | Ag   | Be   | Na    | Pb   | Zr   | Ca   |  |  |
| 1           | 0.067                                  | 0.1592 | ---   | 0.0333 | 2.213 | 0.1878 | 5.53 | 141.8                  | 249.2 | 5.25 | 1.70 | 13.38 | 41.3 | 81.7 | 9.39   |  |  |
| 2           | 0.069                                  | 0.1608 | 1.344 | 0.0334 | 2.262 | 0.1886 | 5.54 | 143.2                  | 251.7 | 5.43 | 1.72 | 14.12 | 42.1 | 83.0 | 11.00  |  |  |
| 3           | 0.069                                  | 0.1617 | 1.350 | 0.0339 | 2.268 | 0.1899 | 5.56 | 143.3                  | 255.3 | 6.38 | 1.73 | 15.65 | 42.2 | 84.7 | 11.29  |  |  |
| 4           | 0.070                                  | 0.1626 | 1.351 | 0.0340 | 2.270 | 0.1904 | 5.56 | 145.2                  | 255.4 | 6.61 | 1.75 | 16.00 | 42.8 | 85.2 | 11.60  |  |  |
| 5           | 0.071                                  | 0.1631 | 1.353 | 0.0342 | 2.273 | 0.1912 | 5.57 | 145.4                  | 256.2 | 6.72 | 1.79 | 16.29 | 43.6 | 85.9 |  |  |  |
| 6           | 0.071                                  | 0.1634 | 1.355 | 0.0342 | 2.274 | 0.1923 | 5.58 | 146.0                  | 256.8 | 7.04 | 1.79 | 16.38 | 44.3 | 86.2 |  |  |  |
| 7           | 0.072                                  | 0.1639 | 1.357 | 0.0344 | 2.275 | 0.1930 | 5.61 | 146.7                  | 256.9 | 7.13 | 1.83 | 16.60 | 44.3 | 86.7 |  |  |  |
| 8           | 0.073                                  | 0.1640 | 1.359 | 0.0345 | 2.285 | 0.1930 | 5.64 | 146.8                  | 257.1 | 7.17 | 1.84 | 17.73 | 44.5 | 87.6 |  |  |  |
| 9           | 0.073                                  | 0.1642 | 1.360 | 0.0346 | 2.287 | 0.1930 | 5.64 | 147.1                  | 258.0 |      | 1.85 |       | 45.5 | 88.0 |  |  |  |
| 10          | 0.074                                  | 0.1643 | 1.365 | 0.0346 | 2.294 | 0.1944 | 5.65 | 147.4                  | 258.4 |      | 1.86 |       | 45.5 | 88.4 |  |  |  |
| 11          | 0.075                                  | 0.1646 | 1.367 | 0.0346 | 2.297 | 0.1949 | 5.65 | 148.8                  | 259.1 |      | 1.87 |       |      | 89.9 |  |  |  |
| 12          | 0.076                                  | 0.1648 | 1.367 | 0.0348 | 2.328 | 0.1953 | 5.67 | 149.3                  | 259.2 |      | 1.87 |       |      | 91.4 |  |  |  |
| 13          |  | 0.1676 | 1.372 | 0.0349 | 2.343 |        | 5.71 | 149.5                  | 260.2 |      | 1.90 |       |      | 91.6 |  |  |  |
| 14          |  | 0.1679 | 1.384 | 0.0349 |       |        |      | 151.5                  | 261.3 |      |      |       |      | 92.0 |  |  |  |
| 15          |  | 0.1683 |       |        |       |        |      | 152.2                  | 261.4 |      |      |       |      |      |  |  |  |
| 16          |  | 0.1697 |       |        |       |        |      | ---                    |       |      |      |       |      |      |  |  |  |
| $M$         | 0.072                                  | 0.1644 | 1.360 | 0.0343 | 2.282 | 0.1920 | 5.61 | 146.9                  | 257.1 | 6.47 | 1.81 | 15.77 | 43.6 | 87.3 | 10.82  |  |  |
| $s_M$       | 0.003                                  | 0.0028 | 0.011 | 0.0005 | 0.032 | 0.0024 | 0.06 | 3.0                    | 3.3   | 0.75 | 0.07 | 1.40  | 1.5  | 3.2  | 0.99   |  |  |
| $\bar{s}_i$ | 0.002                                  | 0.0007 | 0.014 | 0.0004 | 0.019 | 0.0019 | 0.06 | 1.9                    | 2.8   | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.41  | 1.2  | 1.7  | 0.62   |  |  |

The laboratory mean values have been examined statistically to eliminate outlying values. Where a " --- " appears in the table it indicates that an outlying value has been omitted (Grubbs 95 %). A data set consists of at least 5 but usually 6 single values of one laboratory.

$M$  : mean of laboratory means

$s_M$  : standard deviation of laboratory means

$\bar{s}_i$  : averaged repeatability standard deviation (square root of the mean of laboratory variances)

## Analytical Method used for Certification

| Element | Line Number                | Method                         |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Si      | 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12  | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 2                          | XRF                            |
|         | 3, 8                       | Spectrophotometry              |
|         | 4                          | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
| Fe      | 1, 4, 6, 9, 15             | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16 | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 7                          | Spectrophotometry              |
|         | 13                         | FAAS, dissolution with acid    |
|         | 14                         | XRF                            |
| Cu      | 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13      | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 3, 6, 8, 11, 14            | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 12                         | XRF                            |
| Mn      | 1, 7, 9, 11, 13            | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 2                          | XRF                            |
|         | 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14  | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
| Mg      | 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11       | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 3, 5, 6, 12, 13            | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 10                         | FAAS, dissolution with acid    |
| Cr      | 1, 2, 5, 6, 8              | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 3                          | XRF                            |
|         | 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12        | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
| Zn      | 1, 3, 10, 12               | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13      | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 4                          | FAAS, dissolution with acid    |
|         | 5                          | XRF                            |
| Ni      | 1, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14       | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15         | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 3                          | ETAAS, dissolution with NaOH   |
|         | 7                          | ETAAS, dissolution with acid   |
|         | 8                          | XRF                            |
| Ti      | 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 13          | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14        | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 5                          | FAAS, dissolution with acid    |
|         | 11                         | Spectrophotometry              |
|         | 15                         | XRF                            |
| Ag      | 1                          | XRF                            |
|         | 2, 5, 6, 7                 | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 3, 8                       | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 4                          | ICP-MS, dissolution with acid  |
| Be      | 1, 5, 6, 7, 9              | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid |
|         | 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 13        | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH |
|         | 8                          | ETAAS, dissolution with acid   |
|         | 11                         | ICP-MS, dissolution with acid  |

| <b>Element</b> | <b>Line Number</b> | <b>Method</b>                         |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Na             | 1, 3, 6, 7, 8      | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid        |
|                | 2, 5               | FAAS, dissolution with acid           |
|                | 4                  | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH        |
| Pb             | 1, 3, 5, 9         | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH        |
|                | 2, 4, 10           | ICP-MS, dissolution with acid         |
|                | 6, 7               | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid        |
|                | 8                  | XRF                                   |
| Zr             | 1, 13              | ICP-MS, dissolution with acid         |
|                | 2, 8, 9, 11, 12    | ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH        |
|                | 3                  | XRF                                   |
|                | 4                  | Spectrophotometry                     |
| Ca             | 5, 6, 7, 10, 14    | ICP-OES, dissolution with acid        |
|                | 1, 3, 4            | <i>ICP-OES, dissolution with acid</i> |
|                | 2                  | <i>ICP-OES, dissolution with NaOH</i> |

**Abbreviations:**

ETAAS – Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry  
 FAAS – Flame atomic absorption spectrometry  
 ICP-OES – Inductively coupled plasma - optical emission spectrometry  
 ICP-MS – Mass spectrometry with inductively coupled plasma  
 XRF – X-ray fluorescence spectrometry

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