

Appendix Table 1. Instrument, instrument conditions, and standards for electron probe analyses

Electron probe micro-analysis (EPMA) was done using the Cameca SX50 at the University of Massachusetts. This is a five wavelength-dispersive spectrometer instrument, automated via Cameca's SXRayN50 software (Sun-Unix platform). Analysis was performed using a 15kV, 20nA focused beam. Count times were 20 s for all elements. Corrections for differential matrix effects were done using the PAP routine (Pouchou and Pichoir 1984). Detection limits were calculated using the method of Ancey (1978). Analyzing monochromators, standards and minimum detectability limits (MDL) are summarized in the table below

| element | line | xtal | Std | Atomic MDL | Oxide MDL |
|---------|------|------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| K | Ka | PET | sanidine (P-28) | 0.0234 | 0.0282 |
| Si | Ka | TAP | pg721 (kiglapait labradorite) | 0.0208 | 0.0445 |
| Al | Ka | TAP | albite (P103-Amelia) | 0.0315 | 0.0595 |
| Ti | Ka | PET | tio2 (P530-synthetic) | 0.0281 | 0.0469 |
| V | Ka | PET | V | 0.0340 | 0.0500 |
| Fe | Ka | LIF | fayalite-rockport | 0.0917 | 0.1180 |
| Mn | Ka | LIF | rhodonite AMNH 41522 | 0.0666 | 0.0860 |
| Cr | Ka | LIF | 52-nl11 (chromite-Stillwater) | 0.0546 | 0.0798 |
| Zn | Ka | LIF | ZnO (P471) | 0.1647 | 0.2050 |
| Ca | Ka | PET | pg721 (kiglapait labradorite) | 0.0243 | 0.0340 |
| S | Ka | PET | Pyrite-MAC | 0.0310 | |
| Mg | Ka | TAP | crcats (diopside-synthetic) | 0.0706 | 0.1171 |
| Ni | Ka | LIF | nio (synthetic) | 0.0709 | 0.0902 |
| Nb | La | PET | Nb | 0.1282 | 0.1834 |
| Ta | La | LIF | Ta | 0.3308 | 0.4039 |