

# **Nickel Laterite Ores**

# DIGESTION OF NICKEL LATERITE ORES USING COLDBLOCK™ DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY

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## Introduction

This application note will focus on the digestion of Nickel Laterite Ores using ColdBlock™ Digestion CB12L Technology.

#### Method

Samples of CRM (Certified Reference Material) OREAS-184 and OREAS-187 were digested using the following method:

- 0.25g of sample was weighed and placed into a ColdBlock<sup>™</sup> Digestion vessel.
- 8mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 5.5ml H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> was added.
- Sample was digested at 85% power for 20 minutes.
- Chiller temperature was set to -5°C.
- Sample was allowed to cool.
- Sample was normalized to 50mL using 1% HNO3.

#### Instrument

ColdBlock<sup>™</sup> Digestion CB12L Technology.

## General

This procedure is specific for the sample digested and may need modification for different samples to achieve the desired result.