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### MINERALOGY TEST REPORT

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## Sample G2296-12 (P27/LB/2025)

### Summary

Sample G2296-12: WDXRF (Bruker S8) bulk oxides and XRD (Bruker D8) major phases reconciled.

Reported XRD major phases: Kaolinite 40.06 wt%, Hematite 1.85 wt%, Goethite 24.1 wt%, M-silicate ~0.98 wt% (approx.).

Reported crystallinity = 67.0% → inferred amorphous fraction = 33.00% (note: user-stated amorphous 35% conflicts with crystallinity; we used 100-crystallinity).

### WDXRF data

Oxide	Wt %
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.15
SiO <sub>2</sub>	23.14
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	30.04
TiO <sub>2</sub>	9.11
CaO	0.90
MgO	0.69
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.88
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.18
LOI	14.00

### XRD major phases (preliminary)

Mineral phase	Wt % (sample)	Representative formula
Kaolinite	40.06	Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>
Hematite	1.85	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Goethite	24.10	FeO(OH)
M-silicate(MSiO <sub>3</sub> )	0.98	(Ca <sub>0.016</sub> Fe <sub>0.666</sub> Mg <sub>0.318</sub> )SiO <sub>3</sub> (approx. MSiO <sub>3</sub> )

### Stoichiometric conversions (mineral → oxide equivalents)

Mineral	Formula	Mol. mass (g/mol)	Major oxide wt% (per 100 g mineral)	Notes
Kaolinite	Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>	258.157	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 39.50 ; SiO <sub>2</sub> : 46.55 ; H <sub>2</sub> O (LOI): 13.96	Typical clay; contributes Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> & SiO <sub>2</sub> and structural water.
Hematite	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	159.687	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 100.00	Primary Fe-oxide;



				contributes Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .
Goethite	FeO(OH)	72.852	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (equiv): 109.60 ; H <sub>2</sub> O (LOI): -9.60	Hydroxy-iron oxide; will contribute Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> equivalent and LOI.
M-silicate (approx.)	(Ca <sub>0.016</sub> Fe <sub>0.666</sub> Mg <sub>0.318</sub> )SiO <sub>3</sub>	121.646	SiO <sub>2</sub> : 49.39 ; Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> equiv: 87.43 ; CaO: 0.74 ; MgO: 10.54	Minor indexed silicate — treated as MSiO <sub>3</sub> for oxide accounting.

### Predicted oxide contributions from crystalline phases

Oxide	Measured (WDXRF)	From Kaolinite	From Hematite	From Goethite	From M-silicate
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.15	15.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
SiO <sub>2</sub>	23.14	18.64	0.00	0.00	0.48
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	30.04	0.00	1.85	26.41	0.86
TiO <sub>2</sub>	9.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
MgO	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
LOI	14.00	0.00	0.00	-2.31	0.00

### Predicted totals, residuals and inferred amorphous composition

Oxide	Measured (wt%)	Predicted from crystalline (wt%)	Residual = Meas – Pred (wt%)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.15	15.82	4.32
SiO <sub>2</sub>	23.14	19.13	4.01
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	30.04	29.12	0.92
TiO <sub>2</sub>	9.11	0.00	9.11
CaO	0.90	0.01	0.89
MgO	0.69	0.10	0.59
LOI	14.00	3.28	10.72

Inferred amorphous fraction = 33.00 % of sample. Residual positive oxides are attributed primarily to this amorphous fraction. Below are residuals normalized to the amorphous mass (i.e., % of the 33.00% amorphous).

Oxide	Residual (wt% of sample)	Inferred % of amorphous (residual/33.0×100)
LOI	10.72	32.49
TiO <sub>2</sub>	9.11	27.60
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.33	13.12
SiO <sub>2</sub>	4.01	12.15
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.92	2.79

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CaO	0.89	2.71
P2O5	0.88	2.67
MgO	0.59	1.78
Na2O	0.28	0.85
BaO	0.23	0.70
SO3	0.18	0.55
SrO	0.12	0.36
Cr2O3	0.11	0.33
ZrO2	0.09	0.27
PbO	0.04	0.12
V2O5	0.02	0.06
NiO	0.02	0.06
K2O	0.01	0.03
MnO	0.01	0.03
ZnO	0.01	0.03

### Interpretation, origin assessment & commercial implications

#### Interpretation:

- The sample is Al- and Fe-rich (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 20.15%, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 30.04%) with substantial TiO<sub>2</sub> (9.11%) and SiO<sub>2</sub> (23.14%), and LOI 14%. The dominant minerals by XRD are kaolinite and Fe-oxides (goethite + hematite), summing ≈66.99% (=67%).
- The mineralogy and high Fe and Ti content strongly suggest a ferruginous lateritic / weathering profile or an iron-rich sediment with significant Ti-bearing heavy minerals (rutile/ilmenite or altered Ti-oxides). Kaolinite indicates advanced chemical weathering; goethite/hematite indicate Fe-oxide enrichment. The small Mn-silicate suggests minor detrital silicate relics.

#### Origin assessment:

- Most consistent with intense tropical/subtropical weathering (laterite/bauxite-lateritic profile) or an iron-rich residual/regolith derived from mafic/ultramafic or volcanic parent rocks.

#### Commercial implications:

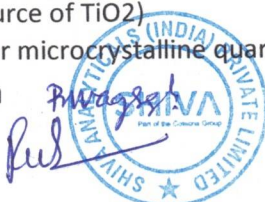
- Iron: Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ~30% — material could be of interest as an industrial iron-bearing product for pigments or specialized iron products, but grade and form (oxides) are not directly suitable for blast-furnace iron without concentration.
- TiO<sub>2</sub> ~9% is significant — if Ti is present as discrete ilmenite/rutile with liberable grains, beneficiation could yield Ti feedstock for pigment or Ti metal production.
- Kaolinite: 40% kaolinite indicates potential use for ceramics, paper filler, and other industrial mineral applications, subject to Ti/Fe impurity levels which may limit high-brightness uses.
- Overall: the sample looks more suited to industrial mineral applications (ceramics, pigments, fillers) or as a target for heavy-mineral (Ti) concentration, rather than immediate metallurgical Fe ore.

### Minor / secondary phases likely present (not listed as majors)

- Rutile/ilmenite or leucoxene (source of TiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Amorphous silica/opaline silica or microcrystalline quartz (contributing residual SiO<sub>2</sub>)

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- Allophane/smectite (poorly crystalline aluminosilicates in amorphous fraction)
- Apatite/fluorapatite (minor  $P_2O_5 = 0.88\%$ )
- Sulfates or gypsum (trace  $SO_3 = 0.18\%$ )
- Accessory zircon, chromite traces ( $ZrO_2$ ,  $Cr_2O_3$  present)

### Concise final results

- XRD major phases (wt%): Kaolinite 40.06, Goethite 24.10, Hematite 1.85, M-silicate  $\sim 0.98$  (sum  $\approx 67.0\%$ ). Amorphous  $\approx 33.00\%$ .
- Bulk WDXRF (wt%):  $Al_2O_3$  20.15,  $Fe_2O_3$  30.04,  $TiO_2$  9.11,  $SiO_2$  23.14, LOI 14.00.
- Interpretation: Ferruginous, highly weathered material (lateritic / iron-rich regolith) with potential for Ti concentration and industrial mineral uses; not meteoritic.

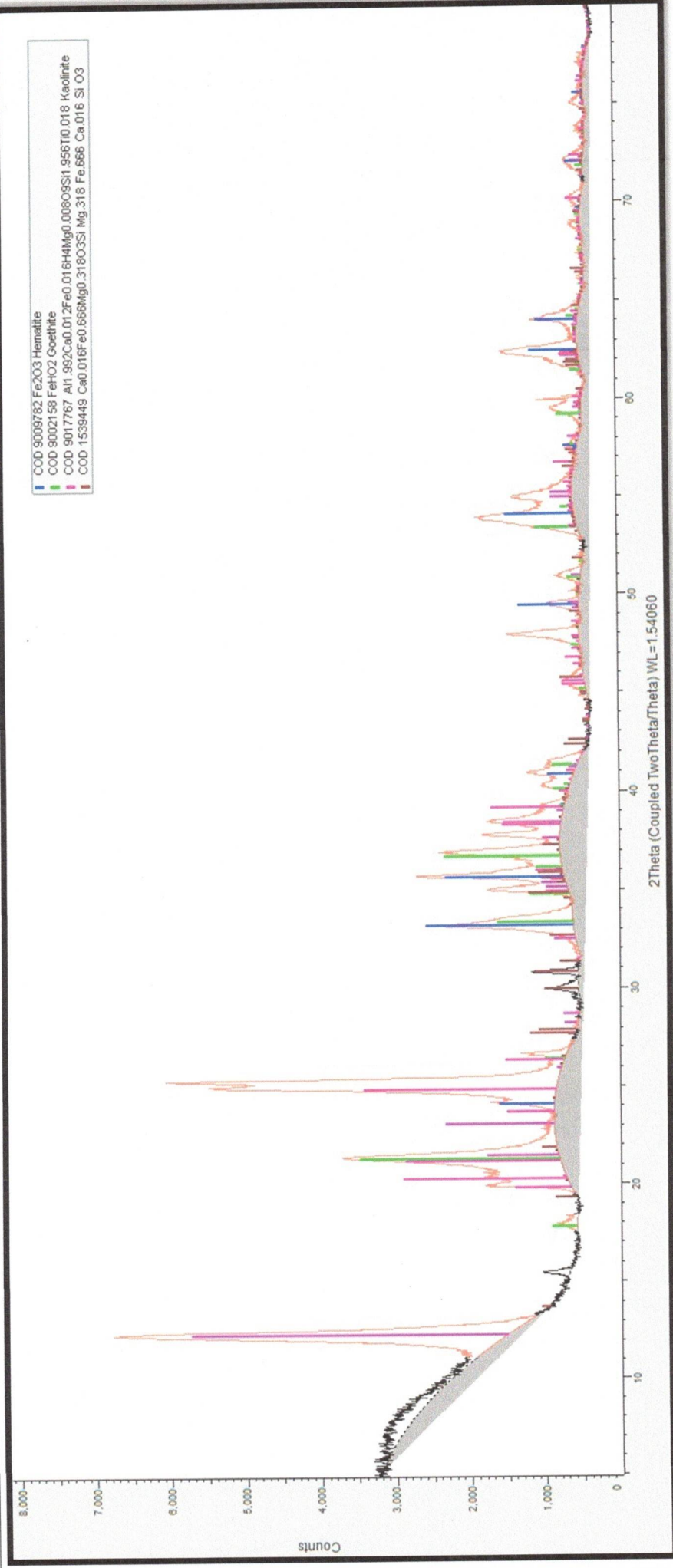
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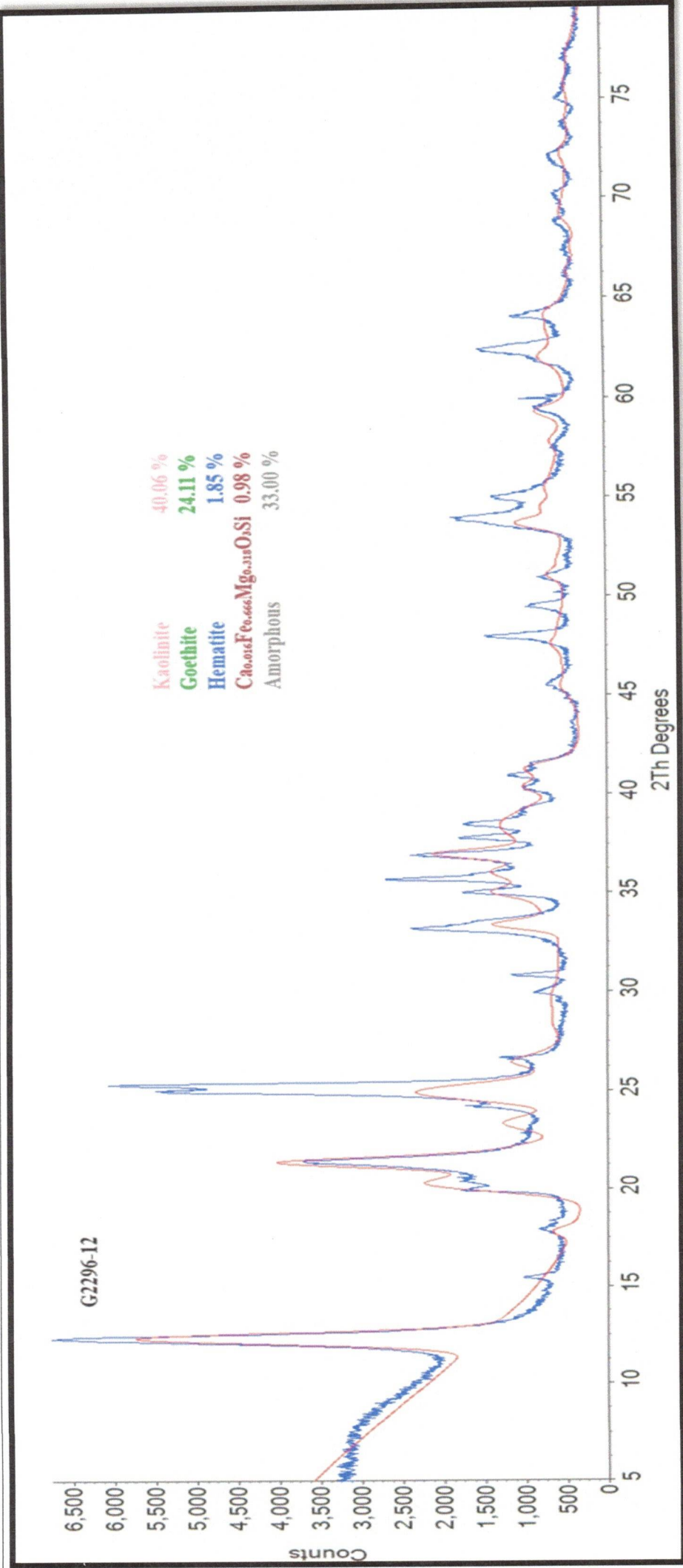
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## Sample G2296-15 (T13/LB/2025/03)

### Summary

Sample G2296-15: WDXRF bulk oxides (Bruker S8 Tiger 4 kW) and XRD (Bruker D8 Advance) major phases reconciled. XRD phases (crystalline fraction): Gibbsite 51.49 %, Kaolinite 45.71 %, Ilmenite 2.8 % with crystallinity = 77.4% and amorphous fraction = 22.6% of the whole sample.

Below we show stoichiometric conversions, predicted oxide contributions from the crystalline phases (expressed as wt% of the whole sample), residuals (measured – predicted) and an inferred composition of the amorphous fraction.

### WDXRF data

Oxide	Wt % (measured)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	44.29
SiO <sub>2</sub>	25.33
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.31
TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.98
CaO	0.39
MgO	0.21
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.11
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.94
LOI	21.87

### XRD phases

The absolute phase weight percent in the whole sample = (phase% of crystalline) × (crystallinity/100).

Mineral (reported % of crystalline)	Absolute wt% of sample (calculated)	Representative formula
Kaolinite (45.71% of crystalline)	35.37	Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>
Gibbsite (51.49% of crystalline)	39.85	Al(OH) <sub>3</sub>
Ilmenite (2.80% of crystalline)	2.16	FeTiO <sub>3</sub> (Ilmenite)

### Stoichiometric conversions (mineral → oxide equivalents)

Mineral	Formula	Mol. mass (g/mol)	Major oxide wt% (per 100 g mineral)	Notes
Kaolinite	Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>	258.15	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 39.495 ; SiO <sub>2</sub> : 46.548 ; H <sub>2</sub> O (LOI): 13.957	Expressed as Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + 2SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O.
Gibbsite	Al(OH) <sub>3</sub>	78.00	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 65.357 ; H <sub>2</sub> O (LOI): 34.643	2 Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> = Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + 3 H <sub>2</sub> O (used for oxide accounting).
Ilmenite	FeTiO <sub>3</sub>	151.70	FeO (as Fe): 47.356 (converted to Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> equiv); TiO <sub>2</sub> : 52.644	Fe present as Fe <sup>2+</sup> in ilmenite -> converted to Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> equivalent for comparison with XRF.

### Predicted oxide contributions from crystalline phases (wt% of whole sample)

Oxide	Measured (WDXRF, wt%)	From Kaolinite (wt%)	From Gibbsite (wt%)	From Ilmenite (wt%)	Total predicted (wt%)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	44.29	13.97	26.05	0.00	40.02
SiO <sub>2</sub>	25.33	16.47	0.00	0.00	16.47
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.31	0.00	0.00	2.28	2.28
TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.98	0.00	0.00	1.14	1.14
LOI	21.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MgO	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Predicted totals, residuals and inferred amorphous composition

Oxide	Measured (wt%)	Predicted crystalline (wt%)	Residual (Meas - Pred, wt%)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	44.29	40.02	4.27
SiO <sub>2</sub>	25.33	16.47	8.86
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.31	2.28	0.03
TiO <sub>2</sub>	3.98	1.14	2.84
LOI	21.87	18.74	3.13
CaO	0.39	0.00	0.39

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MgO	0.21	0.00	0.21
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Inferred amorphous fraction = 22.60 % of sample. Positive residuals are allocated to the amorphous fraction. Residuals normalized to the amorphous mass (i.e., percent of the 22.60% amorphous) are shown below.

Oxide	Residual (wt% of sample)	Inferred % of amorphous (residual/22.6×100)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	8.86	39.21
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.27	18.89
LOI	3.13	13.83
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.84	12.56
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.94	4.16
CaO	0.39	1.73
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.21	0.93
MgO	0.21	0.93
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.13	0.58
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.11	0.49
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.08	0.35
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.05	0.22
SrO	0.04	0.18
PbO	0.03	0.13
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	0.13
MnO	0.01	0.04
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	0.04
CuO	0.01	0.04
NiO	0.01	0.04

## Interpretation, origin assessment & commercial implications

### Interpretation:

- The sample is strongly Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-enriched (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 44.29 wt%), with significant structural water (LOI = 21.87 wt%) and moderate SiO<sub>2</sub> (25.33 wt%). XRD indicates the crystalline Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-bearing minerals are kaolinite and gibbsite, which together account for most of the crystalline mass (absolute: Kaolinite 35.38 wt%, Gibbsite 39.85 wt%). Ilmenite is a minor heavy-mineral (≈ 2.17 wt%).

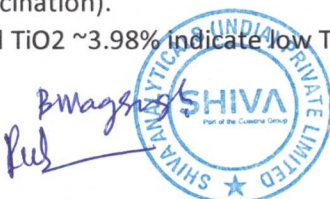
### Origin assessment:

- This assemblage (high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, large gibbsite fraction, large LOI) strongly supports intense chemical weathering and residual concentration — typical of bauxitic/lateritic profiles developed in tropical/subtropical climates. Gibbsite dominance (high Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>) commonly forms under sustained leaching and low silica activity (bauxitic conditions). Presence of minor ilmenite suggests a mafic/igneous detrital source for Ti.

### Commercial implications:

- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ~44.3% and high gibbsite content suggest potential as a bauxite precursor for alumina production (Bayer process). However, the silica (SiO<sub>2</sub> ~25.3%) and LOI need assessment for Bayer-suitability — high reactive silica is detrimental.
- Kaolinite/gibbsite-rich materials are also used in ceramics, refractories, filler applications, and as feedstock for metakaolin (after calcination).
- Ilmenite (~2.2 wt% absolute) and TiO<sub>2</sub> ~3.98% indicate low Ti potential unless heavy mineral concentrations

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increase with simple gravity concentration.

### Minor / secondary phases likely present

- Amorphous/allophanic aluminosilicates (allophane, imogolite) in the amorphous fraction
- Poorly crystalline silica (opal/opal-CT) or microcrystalline quartz (contributes residual SiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Iron oxides present in low abundance (hematite/goethite) as coatings — consistent with low Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2.31 wt%)
- Anatase/rutile or altered ilmenite as Ti-bearing fine phases
- Trace apatite (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> = 0.11%) or adsorbed phosphates

### Final concise results

- XRD major phases (absolute wt% of sample): Kaolinite 35.38 wt%, Gibbsite 39.85 wt%, Ilmenite 2.17 wt%. Crystallinity = 77.4%, Amorphous = 22.6%.
- Bulk WDXRF (wt%): Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 44.29, SiO<sub>2</sub> 25.33, TiO<sub>2</sub> 3.98, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 2.31, LOI 21.87.
- Interpretation: Strongly lateritic/bauxitic material with high gibbsite content — promising for alumina after appropriate beneficiation and silica control; low Ti and Fe metallurgical potential unless concentrated.

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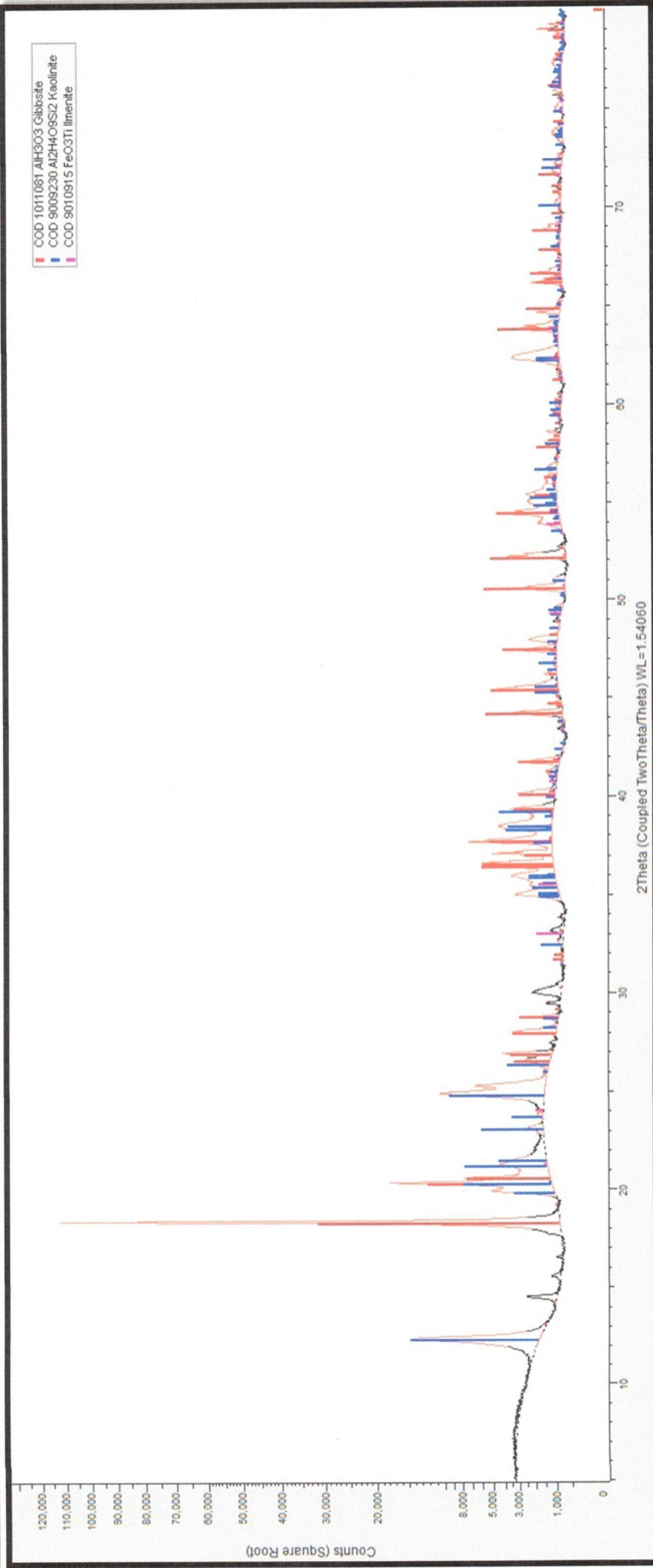




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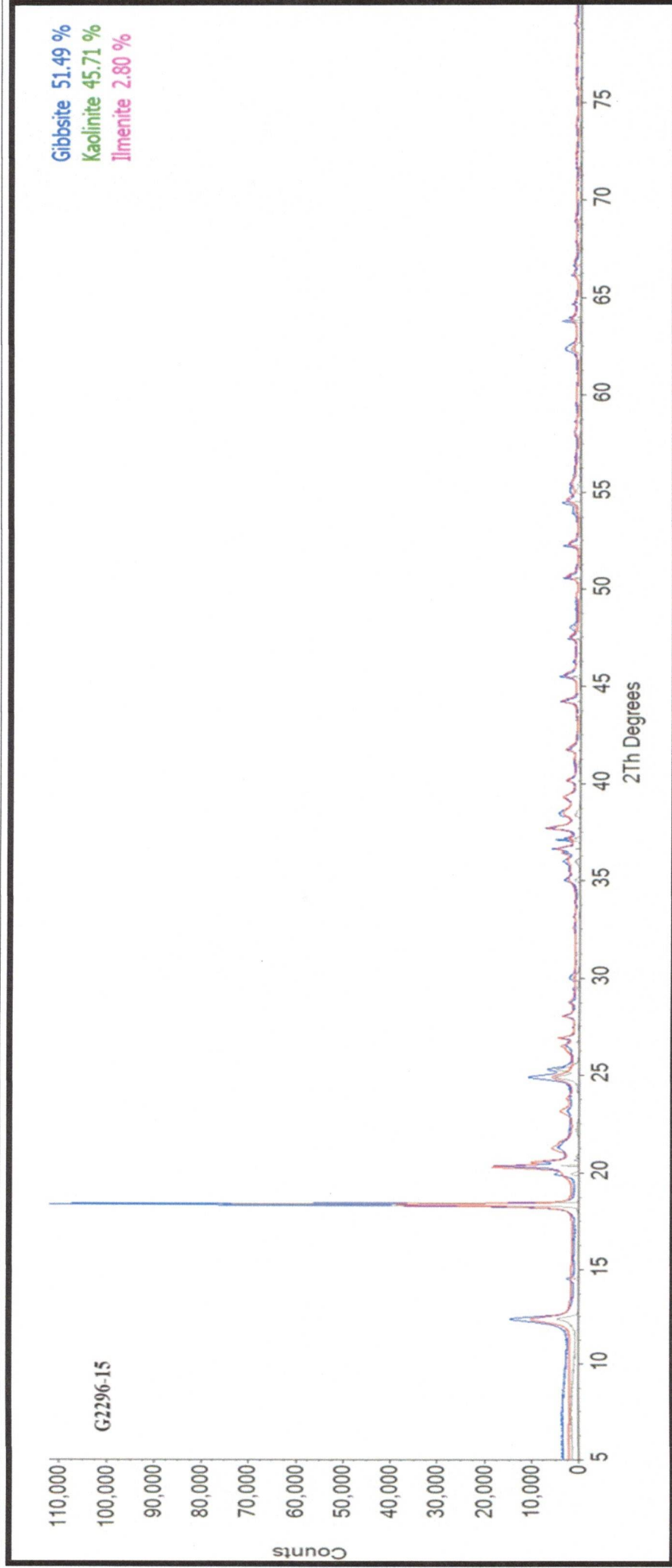
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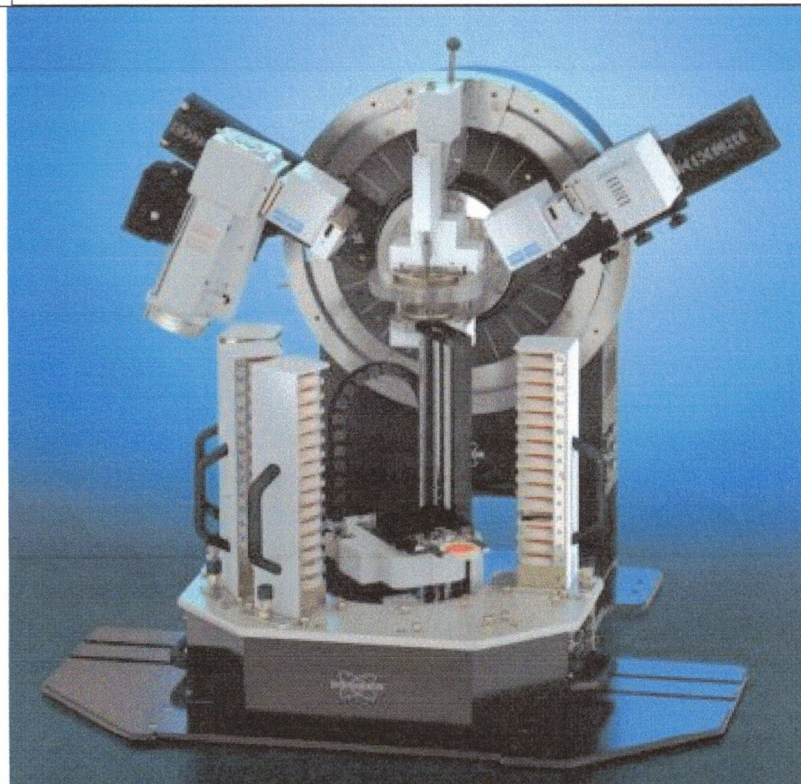
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## Sample G2296-16 (T14/LB/2025/05)

### Sample G2296-16

### Summary

Sample G2296-16: WDXRF bulk oxides (Bruker S8 Tiger 4 kW) and XRD (Bruker D8 Advance) major phases reconciled with crystallinity = 70.10 % and amorphous = 29.90 %.

### WDXRF Data

Oxide	Wt % (measured)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.59
SiO <sub>2</sub>	29.96
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.37
TiO <sub>2</sub>	7.63
CaO	4.37
MgO	0.34
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.87
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.06
LOI	14.19

### XRD major phases (scaled to crystallinity)

Mineral phase	Wt % (sample, scaled)	Representative formula
Kaolinite	31.05	Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>
Goethite	21.69	FeO(OH)
Hematite	5.91	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Calcite	5.53	CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Quartz	2.95	SiO <sub>2</sub> (quartz)
Cristobalite	2.94	SiO <sub>2</sub> (cristobalite)

### Stoichiometric conversions (mineral → oxide equivalents)

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Goethite	FeO(OH)	88.851	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (equiv): 89.862 ; H <sub>2</sub> O (LOI): 10.138	Hydroxy-iron oxide; contributes Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> equivalent and LOI.
Hematite	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	159.687	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 100.00	Primary iron oxide.

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Calcite	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	100.086	CaO: 56.029 ; CO <sub>2</sub> (LOI): 43.971	Contributes CaO and CO <sub>2</sub> (as LOI).
Quartz / Cristobalite	SiO <sub>2</sub>	60.084	SiO <sub>2</sub> : 100.00	Silica polymorphs; contribute SiO <sub>2</sub> .

### Predicted oxide contributions from crystalline phases (wt% of whole sample)

Oxide	Measured (WDXRF)	From Kaolinite	From Fe- oxides (Goethite+Hematite)	From Carbonate (Calcite)	From Quartz/Cristobalite
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.59	12.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
SiO <sub>2</sub>	29.96	14.46	0.00	0.00	20.36
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.37	0.00	25.41	0.00	0.00
CaO	4.37	0.00	0.00	3.10	0.00
LOI	14.19	0.00	2.20	2.43	0.00
TiO <sub>2</sub>	7.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Predicted totals, residuals and inferred amorphous composition

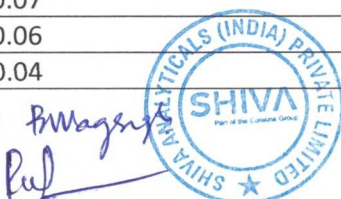
Oxide	Measured (wt%)	Predicted crystalline (wt%)	Residual (Meas – Pred, wt%)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.59	12.27	7.32
SiO <sub>2</sub>	29.96	20.36	9.60
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.37	25.41	-3.04
CaO	4.37	3.10	1.27
LOI	14.19	8.97	5.22
TiO <sub>2</sub>	7.63	0.00	7.63

Inferred amorphous fraction = 29.90 % of sample. Residual positive oxides are primarily attributed to this amorphous fraction. Residuals normalized to the amorphous mass (i.e., % of the 29.90% amorphous) are shown below.

Oxide	Residual (wt% of sample)	Inferred % of amorphous (residual/29.9×100)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	9.60	32.10
TiO <sub>2</sub>	7.63	25.52
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.32	24.49
LOI	5.22	17.47
CaO	1.27	4.25
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.87	2.91
MgO	0.34	1.14
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.16	0.54
BaO	0.12	0.40
SrO	0.09	0.30
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.08	0.27
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.07	0.23
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.06	0.20
PbO	0.04	0.13

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Oxide	Residual (wt% of sample)	Inferred % of amorphous (residual/29.9×100)
V2O5	0.03	0.10
K2O	0.02	0.07
MnO	0.01	0.03
NiO	0.01	0.03
ZnO	0.01	0.03
Fe2O3	-3.03	-3.03

### Interpretation & expert justification

- The identified crystalline phases account for most measured Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and part of SiO<sub>2</sub> and CaO. Measured LOI (14.19 wt%) exceeds predicted crystalline LOI, indicating additional structural water or carbonates/organic matter in the amorphous fraction.
- Residual TiO<sub>2</sub> (~7.63 wt%) suggests Ti is present largely in fine or amorphous Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> phases (anatase/rutile/leucoxene) not resolved by XRD at detection limits.
- The assemblage indicates intense weathering (lateritic/ferruginous profile) potentially derived from mafic/volcanic parent materials, with some carbonate influence (calcite). Meteoritic origin is unlikely.

### Minor / secondary phases likely present

- Anatase/rutile/ilmenite (source of TiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Amorphous silica (opal/opal-CT) or microcrystalline quartz
- Poorly crystalline allophane/imogolite-type aluminosilicates
- Ferrihydrite and coated iron oxyhydroxides
- Smectite or mixed-layer clays as minor components
- Apatite/other phosphate phases (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> = 0.87%)

### Commercial significance & recommendations

- Commercial uses: kaolinite for ceramics/fillers, Fe-oxides for pigments/specialty uses, Ti-oxide concentration for pigment/metal feedstock if economically recoverable. Calcite as minor filler/soil amendment.
- Recommendations: Rietveld with internal standard, TGA/DSC, SEM-EDS/QEMSCAN, heavy/mineral separation and magnetic separation tests to evaluate Ti/Fe recoverability, and reactive silica tests if Al recovery is of interest.

### Final concise results

- Scaled XRD major phases (wt% of sample): Kaolinite 31.06%, Goethite 21.69%, Hematite 5.92%, Calcite 5.53%, Quartz 2.96%, Cristobalite 2.95% (sum = 70.10%). Crystallinity = 70.10%, Amorphous = 29.90%.
- Bulk WDXRF (wt%): Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 19.59, SiO<sub>2</sub> 29.96, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 22.37, TiO<sub>2</sub> 7.63, LOI 14.19.
- Interpretation: Lateritic/ferruginous regolith; industrial mineral potential and candidate for Ti enrichment with further testing.

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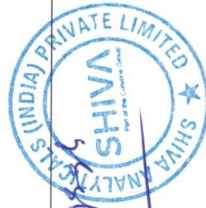
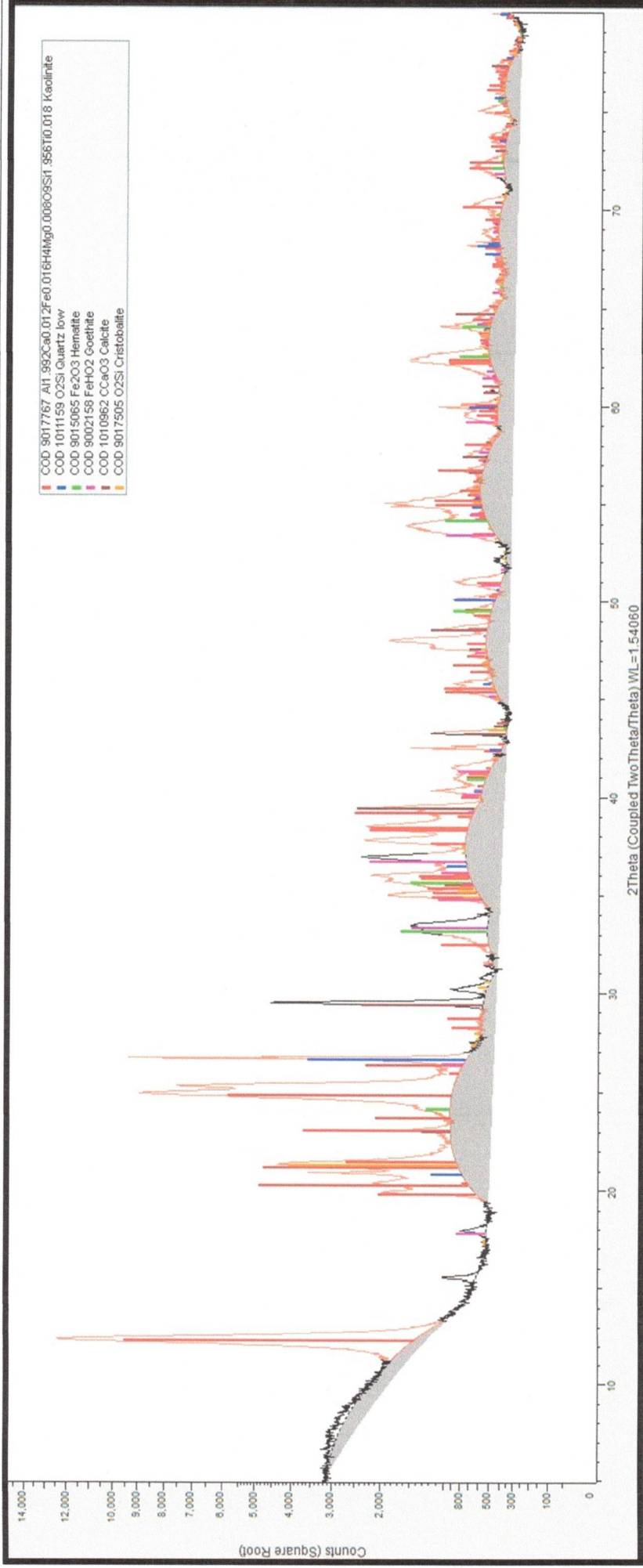




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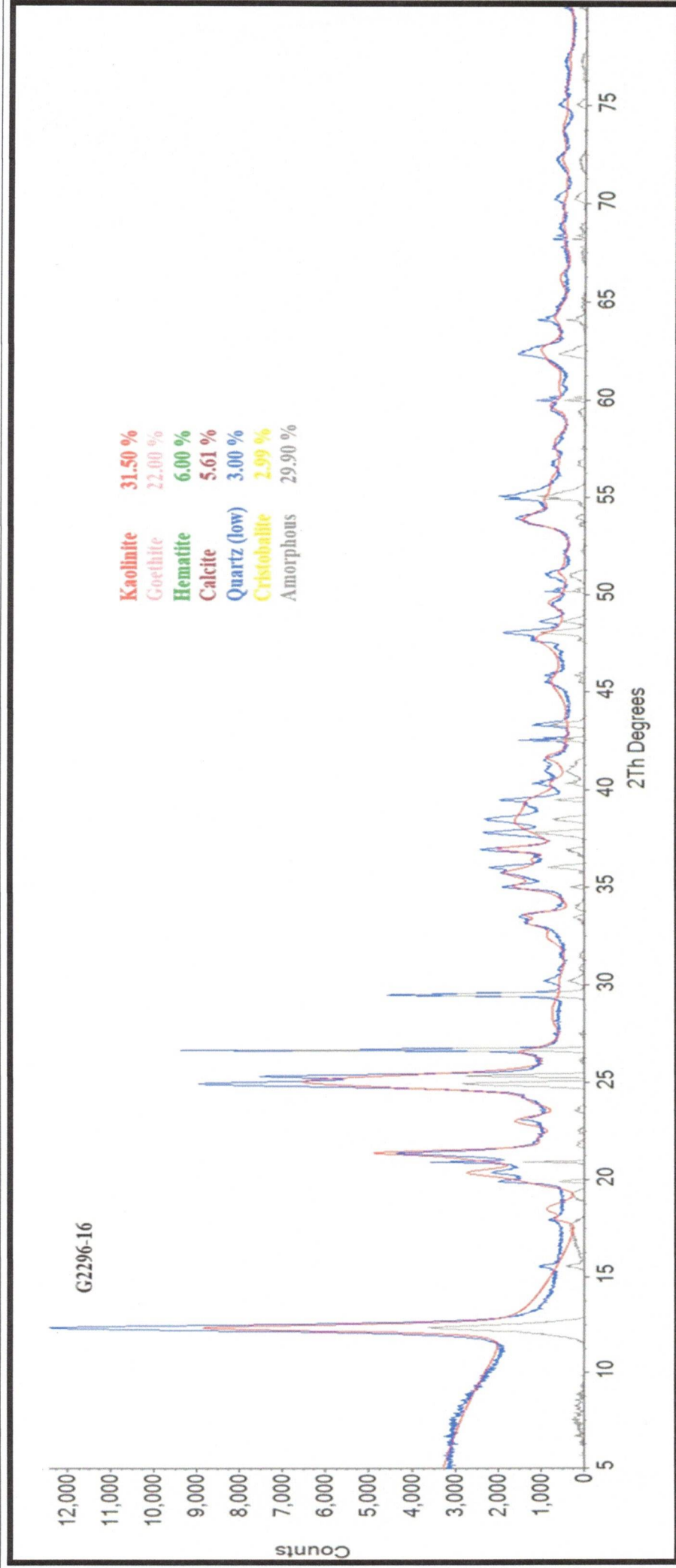
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