



Partitioning of platinum-group

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

σ	standard deviation
AEC	Atomic Energy Corporation
at%	Atomic percent
bd	below detection
D	Nernst partition coefficient
D_x	Nernst partition coefficient for element X
ED	energy dispersive
Exp	experiment number
eV	electron volt
EPMA	electron probe micro analyser
FWHM	full width at half maximum
KeV	kilo electron volt
LLD	lower limit of detection
MeV	mega electron volt
mss	monosulphide solid solution
nA	nano Ampère
n	number of analyses per experiment
nd	not determined
NAC	National Accelerator Center
nC	nano Coulomb
pA	pico Ampère
PGE	platinum-group element(s)
PIXE	particle induced X-ray emission
PRF	pre-reaction furnace
ppm	parts per million
SEM	scanning electron microscope
Temp	temperature
WD	wavelength dispersive
wt%	weight percent

LIST OF MINERAL FORMULAE - ALL PHASES SYNTHETIC

Cu	Copper
CuS	Covellite
Cu _{2-x} S	Digenite
Cu ₂ S	Chalcocite
CuFeS ₂	Chalcopyrite
Fe	Iron
FeS	Troilite
FeS _{1+x}	Pyrrhotite
FeS ₂	Pyrite
(Fe,Ni) ₉ S ₈	Pentlandite
Ni	Nickel
NiS	Millerite
NiS ₂	Vaesite
Ni ₃ S ₂	Heazlewoodite
Ni ₉ S ₈	Godlevskite
Ni ₃ S ₄	Polydymite