



CRS LABORATORIES OY



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 Heavy mineral separation using heavy liquids





- Founded 1994
- Owned by the management
- Concentrated on chemical analysis of mineral materials
- ~60 employees
- Strategy: Growth through forming modern high quality on-site laboratories for mining companies



CRS Laboratories









- Kempele started on 2014
- Sample preparation stages in big volumes
 - Drying
 - Crushing
 - Grinding
 - Splitting
- Analysis equipment
 - -AAS
 - ICP-OES





Locations

- Sotkamo
 - Started early 2019
 - Mining laboratory that serves Sotkamo Silver, situated in their process plant
 - We do geological, process and environmental analyses including sample preparations
 - 7 laboratory technicians, one of whom is the foreman
- Björkdalsgruvan
 - Restarted on May 2020
 - Mining laboratory in which sample preparation and gold analysis is made

- Started on March 2021
- Serves primarily GTK Mintec research/pilot plant
- In future we are aiming to more and more serve other parts of mining industry with advanced analyses from Outokumpu
- 5 laboratory technicians and a chemist are currently working at the site

- XRF
 - From pressed pellet or fusion
 - Pressed pellet for lower detection limits and fusion for more accurate high concentration
- Leco C/S analyzer
 - Accurate C and S analyzer

Sulatelaite

LECO C/S analysaattori

ICP-OES

- Location serves only Otso Gold, which is a gold mine
- We do geological, process and some environmental analyses
- There is a chemist, 2 supervisors and 14 laboratory technicians working at the site
- Analysis equipment:
 - ICP-OES
 - -2xAAS

- Heavy mineral separation is not a new art
- Traditional ways of heavy mineral separation have been made with toxic substances
- Traditional substances have easier ways of getting very heavy liquids
- In MinExTarget CRS has role of developing safe and and efficient way of doing heavy mineral separation that can be done in bulk

 Modern substances include SPT(polytungstage) and LST (lithium polytungstage)

Heavy mineral separation

Sample Preparation plan

- Crushing is done to decrease particle size from rock/drill core size to 70-90% under 2mm
- For cost purposes, laboratories prefer to do the crushing in 1 step
- The finer the crush, the better the splitting quality
- Laboratory crushing is
 Usually done by jaw crusher

- Grinding is done to decrease particle size further. Particle size needs to be fine for 2 reasons:
 - Fine ground powder gives better representation of the sample (again, better splitting)
 - Powder needs to be fine for many analytical methods to work
- Methods of grinding
 - Vibratory grinding bowls (LM2, LM5)