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### Direct reduced iron — Determination of carbon and/or sulfur — High-frequency combustion method with infrared measurement

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### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the mass fraction of carbon and/or sulfur in direct reduced iron by infraed measurement after high-frequency combustion.

This method is applicable to mass fractions of carbon between 0,05 % and 2,5 %, and/or mass fractions of sulfur between 0,001 % and 0,05 % in frect reduced iron.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indiscensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1042, Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks

ISO 7550, Laboratory glassware — Disposable micropipetta

ISO 7764, Iron ores — Preparation of predried test samples for phemical analysis

ISO 10835, Direct reduced iron — Sampling and sample preparation — Manual methods for reduced pellets and lump ores

### 3 Principle

The test portion is combusted in a refractory crucible in a flow of oxygen in the presence of an accelerator, the crucible being inserted in the combustion tube of a high-frequency (HF) furnace.

The carbon present is converted into carbon dioxide and the sulfur into sulfur dioxide. Each gas is measured by infrared absorption, with calibration using barium carbonate and potassium sulfate.

### 4 Reagents

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

### **4.1** Oxygen, minimum purity 99,5 % (*m/m*).

The pressure in the furnace should be controlled by a pressure regulator designed specially for the purpose and complying with the manufacturer's specification.

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