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**Tungsten Ore for Hard Metal
Industry — Specification**
(*First Revision*)

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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Ores and Feed Stock for Non-ferrous (Excluding Aluminium and Copper) Industry, their Metals/Alloys and Products Sectional Committee had been approved by the Metallurgical Engineering Division Council.

The standard was originally published in 1993. The current revision has been brought out to bring the standard in the latest style and format of the Indian Standards. It also incorporates Amendments issued to the last version of the standard. In addition, the following changes have been made:

- a) Introduction of modified **2** 'References' (as per the latest format);
- b) Amendment No. 1 has been incorporated in this current revision;
- c) Use of latest style, manner and wordings, etc, such as 'Annex' for 'Appendix';
- d) Corrections of editorial/typographical mistakes in the existing standards; and
- e) Introduction of marking clause and updating BIS certification clause as per the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016*.

More than 95 percent of India's demand of tungsten is met by imports. The country imports tungsten as concentrate, ferrotungsten metal and tungsten alloys. The standard covers the requirements for wolframite [(Fe,Mn)WO₄] and scheelite (CaWO₄) concentrate used in the hard metal industry.

Tungsten production in the country at present is not substantial. However, the intensive exploration work taken up in the last few years has vastly improved the resource position and there is a scope for increasing the production, substantially. As such, it was felt necessary to formulate an Indian Standard for tungsten concentrate for different uses, other than the ferrotungsten which has been covered in IS 1467 : 1993 'Ferrotungsten — Specification (*second revision*)'.

Tungsten ore are mined and beneficiated to yield desired grade concentrate which is starting point for making other downstream/intermediate products like tungstic acid, tungsten metal powder, ferrotungsten, tungsten carbide, etc. The concentrate specification for commercial purpose is in terms of WO₃ (tungsten trioxide) content. Any concentrate with 65 percent or more WO₃ content is considered as saleable material. However, low grade concentrates may also be used to make the intermediate products, provided the product could be obtained at an economical cost and having the desired quality and properties. As such, specifications for the lower grade concentrated cannot be pre-fixed.

This standard contains **4, 5, 6** and **7**, which call for agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the revision of this standard is given at Annex A.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*).' The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard***Tungsten Ore for Hard Metal Industry — Specification***(First Revision)***1 SCOPE**

The standard covers the requirements for scheelite (CaWO_4) and wolframite $[(\text{Fe},\text{Mn})\text{WO}_4]$ concentrate used in the hard metal industry.

2 REFERENCES

The standard given below contain provisions which through reference in this text, constitute provision of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of these standards:

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS 1387 : 1993	General requirements for the supply of metallurgical materials (<i>second revision</i>)

3 SUPPLY OF MATERIAL

General requirements relating to the supply of the tungsten concentrate (that is wolframite and scheelite) shall be as laid down in IS 1387.

4 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

The chemical composition of the material shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1, when determined by any standard wet chemical/instrumental method as mutually agreed between the purchaser and the supplier.

5 FORM AND SIZE

The form and size of the material shall be as agreed between the purchaser and supplier.

6 SAMPLING

The lot size, method of sampling and number of samples to be tested from the lot and criterion for acceptance of the lot shall be as agreed between the purchaser and supplier.

7 PACKING

The material shall be supplied packed in suitable containers/bags/drums in quantities mutually agreed to between the purchaser and supplier.

8 MARKING

8.1 Each package of the material shall be legibly marked with following indelible markings:

- a) Name of the manufacturer;
- b) Form and size;
- c) Net weight of each package in kg;
- d) Batch/Lot number;
- e) Type of the concentrate and percentage of tungsten oxide (WO_3) in the concentrate (for example: Wolframite and WO_3 68 percent); and
- f) Any other special marking requirements as agreed between the purchaser and the supplier.

8.2 BIS Certification Marking

The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, and the product(s) may be marked with the Standard Mark.

Table 1 Chemical Composition of Concentrate*(Clause 4)*

SI No.	Constituent/Element	Scheelite (CaWO ₄) in Weight Percent	Wolframite [(Fe,Mn)WO ₄] in Weight Percent
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	Tungsten oxide (WO ₃), <i>Min</i>	66.0	66.0
ii)	Phosphorous, <i>Max</i>	0.05	0.05
iii)	Iron, <i>Max</i>	—	3.0
iv)	Arsenic, <i>Max</i>	0.05	0.10
v)	Antimony, <i>Max</i>	1.5	1.5
vi)	Fluorine, <i>Max</i>	1.0	1.0
vii)	Bismuth, <i>Max</i>	1.0	1.0
viii)	Tin, <i>Max</i>	0.05	—
ix)	Sulphur, <i>Max</i>	1.0	1.0
x)	Copper, <i>Max</i>	0.5	0.5
xi)	Silicon, <i>Max</i>	1.0	1.0
xii)	Manganese, <i>Max</i>	—	1.0
xiii)	Calcium, <i>Max</i>	0.2	—
xiv)	Calcium + silicon, <i>Max</i>	1.0	1.0

NOTE — Till an Indian Standard on the methods of chemical analysis of wolframite concentrate is published, the method of determination of chemical constituents shall be as mutually agreed between the purchaser and the supplier.

ANNEX A

(Foreword)

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

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