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ABSTRACT·

The research project entitled: The Analysis of Clay Materials for use in a Ceramic Studio was undertaken in order to give a quantitative base to the understanding ot clay materials and their role in clay bodies. The project consists of analysing the clay materials as they are supplied, using technically sophisticated equipment. A set of data for each of the nine chosen clays was assembled and then correlated for easier comparison.

The clay materials were then mixed into clay bodies using a set proportion in order that a comparison of the nine clay bodies could be made and related to the data assembled for the clay materials.

The data collected, as well as the ceramic calculations used in the research project were entered into the "Insight" Ceramic software programme for use in the studio. This data base will be the foundation for ongoing research into ceramic materials.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION AND RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This research project was undertaken in the Ceramic Division of the Department of Three Dimensional Design TWR., in order to give a quantitative base to the understanding of clay used in the Department. This project analyses the clay materials as they are supplied, using sophisticated technology gives quantitative results that can be correlated with the known requirements of the clay bodies.The clay mining companies and distributors should be able to supply an updated analysis of the clay materials with every batch supplied but it is only in rare instances that this is in fact given. This lack of information is one of the prime reasons for undertaking this research project.

Ceramics is peculiar in the field of Art and Design in that it is essential to understand the technology of clay both in its unfired state and as a component of a ceramic body if there is to be control of the final product. This is of particular importance in a Technikon where technology and its transfer are vital to the structure of the Programme. All the distinguishing features of good design and formal aesthetics are taught as well as a variety of production techniques and surface treatments, but, if the quality of the finished ware is not technically sound the product is seriously diminished in worth.

The quest for quality is of paramount importance in South Africa at this time as the current employment route is leading towards small businesses producing .limited numbers of up-market, designed objects for both the local buyer and export. Ceramics is ideally suited to small batch production but only if the number of rejects can be kept to a minimum by stringent material controls. The information collected in this project should be regularly updated and be made available to production potters who have ventured into the self-employment territory. The information will be stored in the form of a Data Base (2.6) designed for the easy access to the composition of the materials as well as to the calculations required for the formulation of the materials into clay bodies by.all interested parties.

The clay bodies used to date have generally been supplied in pre-mixed form from one of the large ceramic supply companies. These materials have served a purpose in giving freedom to the students and staff of the Ceramic Division to develop form, style and concept without too large an output of energy in the area of material research. However these clay bodies have proved to be the cause of problems that need to be addressed. It therefore becomes imperative that a clay body that is controlled and regularly tested should be formulated and mixed for use in the Ceramic Division. In this way the properties could be prioritised and adjusted to specific requirements. The information gathered in the course of this research project will be used for the formulation of the clay body.

Pottery making is one of the oldest techniques known to man. Sherds have been found from ancient civilisations in Asia dating back to 6500BC. It is the extraordinary properties of plasticity and sintering, making it possible to form the clay and then to render it permanent by firing, that has attracted man to this material. Clay vessels made for domestic uses such as carrying water, the storage of supplies and cooking pots have been produced by agrarian communities for centuries. Ritual vessels, for both secular and devout ceremonies were frequently made from clay, carefully and meaningfully crafted then decorated, endowing them with a spirit of creativity. The clay used for these vessels was selected for colour and workability and dug from riverbeds and prepared according to the traditions of the reqion. These preparations were tested empirically by the potters and the knowledge passed down through generations of crafts people. Even today traditional potters usually make use of materials within a limited radius of their workplace although they may combine materials in order to alter the properties of the body.

The concept of combining clays from different regions in order to fabricate a predetermined clay body was common practice in China as early as the Sung Dynasty (AD 960-1279). The potters of Jingdezhen combined the local ball clay with a particular clay from 'Gaolin', meaning High Mountain, to the North-East. A further important additive was 'petuntse', the colloquial name for a prepared crushed pegmatiteJ1] The three materials combined, produced a White, translucent porcelain that was the envy of the civiltsed world.. Enormous quantities of porcelain wares were made for export to Europe, Asia and Africa. The Portuguese were the first to trade in these wares, later the Dutch East India , Company brought shiploads of porcelain to Europe where they were coveted by the gentry and envied by the potters. This competition led to considerable research into white clay bodies in Europe and throuqhout the Western world. It was not until 1710 that true porcelain was made.at Meissen. White tin glazed

majolica wares were produced in imitation of the Chinese porcelain until this discovery.

In the Eighteenth Century the Industrial Revolution and the resultant new middle class desired tableware of a high standard but, the imported wares were expensive. This newly opened market made the importation and blending of clays a viable proposition. Josiah Wedgwood for example built a canal to enable the transport of white clay from Devon to his factory, Etruria, in Stoke on Trent. His development and production of Creamware successfully competed with the imported porcelain. Today the importation and blending of clay in England and Europe is a highly sophisticated and scientifically controlled process guaranteeing a supply of clay to the manufacturer with a constant composition.

Post modernism's re-introduction of the use of brighter colours and decorative surfaces, after the constraints of minimalism and functionalism dictated by the Modernist movement in the 1950's and 1960's, required the development of white, low firing bodies. These bodies have to be fine-grained and low in iron to show off the coloured surface, and capable of maturing below 1200° as many of the available ceramic colours burn out at this temperature. The clays found in South Africa tend to be iron bearing, so, in order to produce a white body the clay materials must be blended in calculated proportions. It is essential to know accurately the composition of the various materials in order to perform this task. The materials required are readily available but are not always consistent in composition or tested regularly. These variations can cause faults such as dunting of the body or crazing in the glaze. This research project provides accurate means of examining clay materials in order to prevent such problems from occurring. It should be noted that this information and the means of formulating a clay body can be used to develop any required ceramic body, fired in any temperature range.

The Ceramic Design programme presented at the TWR is essentially art-anddesign based, teaching visually literate students the techniques and technology necessary to make quality ceramic wares. It was therefore felt that the data generated by this project should be visually meaningful as well as quantitatively accurate in order for the data to be of use in the production studio. It was for this reason that the Scanning Electron Microscope with EDAX analyser was chosen as the prime analytical tool to study the clay materials. Photographs of the morphology and graphs of the properties of the clays would make the differences

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As a final comparative method of characterising the nine clay materials chosen for the investigation, the materials were mixed as "clay bodies" with a set proportion of feldspar and silica to give a standard. These bodies were then tested by throwing with them on the wheel in order to compare their plasticity as well as other physical properties. This comparison of the materials as components of "clay bodies" was related to the characterisation of the individual clay materials.

1.2 **CLAY MATERIALS**

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Clay-can be defined as a fine grained earthy mineral, made lip of bydrous
aluminium silicates, plus residual fragments of other minerals and colloidal
matter_[2J] Clay displays plasticity when wet, green strength when dry aluminium_silicates, plus residual fragments of other minerals and colloidal $\text{matter}_{[2]}$. Clay displays plasticity, when wet, green strength when dry and is converted to a rock-like mass when fired to a high temperature...

 $r -$ Kaolinite is the most common member of the clay group^[2] and is the major component of the white primary or residual-clays remaining on tne.stte.ot.thelr formation, known as kaolin.or china-clay. Kaolinite is formed as the result of the weathering and decomposition of acid igneous rocks such as granite. Large amounts of the resultant,jinely_ground weathered.rnaterlala are transported, usually by water, over long distances and deposited in river beds and lakes, resulting in sedimentary.ball clays that are plastic due to the finely ground \mathbf{r} . The same is a set of \mathbf{r} particles, b.ut usually soiled due to the pick-up of other fine particles such as iron, titanium and manganese and chemically altered due to the ion exchange that occurs en route.

The_structure_of_the_clay_mineral_is_dependent_on.the_mineralogy_of_the_parent rock and the sequence in which the weathering occurs) if the weathering is such that the potash and magnesia are rapidly removed, kaolinite is formed, If the potash and magnesia remain in the weathering zone, smectite and illite are formed. Likewise Kaolinite is formed from basic igneous rocks if the magnesia is

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 1 removed as soon as it is released, or smectite is formed (2) . Further weathering of . the sediments follows the same pattern as for the acid inneous rocks^[2].

Clay-minerals have been classified into eight groups according to their crystal layer type, the layer charge and the type of interlayer unit.^{[2][3][4][5]} To the ceramist making wares from clay, the three important minerals are Kaolinite, a species of the Kaolinlte group, Montmorillonite of the Smectite group and Illite of the Mica group.

The clay minerals are hydrous layer-silicates, part of the larger family of phyllosilicates. "The structure of kaolinite (the most ordered of the clay minerals) is made up of two layers. One layer consists of silicon and oxygen ions in which each silicon ion is at the centre of a tetrahedron formed by four oxygen ions. The other layer consists of aluminium and hydroxyl ions, the hydroxyls forming the corners of an octehedron. When the two layers are combined a layer of kaolinite is formed."13] These minute hexagonal plate-like crystals compress into concertina-like stacks.Pl This form of crystal structure is known as a 1:1 layer.

Montmorillonite is composed of the same basic constituents as kaolinite but the ratio of silica : alumina is doubled. The layer of aluminium and hydroxyl ions is sandwiched between two silicon and oxygen layers known as a 2:1 layer.'Illite is also of this 2:1 layer formation. **JOHANNESBURG**

Most physical properties of clay minerals can be related either to the very small size and plate-like form of the individual particles or to the significant surface. charge associated with these particles.^[5]

There is a certain amount of ionic substitution in the clay minerals, particularly in the dis-ordered, form of Montmorillonite. As the substitution involves the . replacement of cations by another ion of lower valency, the clay structure becomes negatively charged. Positive ions, e.g. $K+.NA+.CA²⁺$ and H $+.$ are absorbed on the edges of the clay mineral, 'or in the layers, these ions are loosely held in the structure and can in turn be exchanged[31.

Clay mineral crystals lie within the colloidal range and therefore have colloidal properties and do not obey the ordinary sedimentation laws. Instead the particles are capable of remaining suspended in water and have, the ability to absorb cations and anions and retain them in an exchangeable state. [2] Water

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molecules.become_attached_to_the_positive_and-negative_crystal_sites_that are exposed when the crystal is fractured. This pore-water between the flakes is one of the contributing factors affecting the plasticity of **clay**. [6) The alkalis **found** in the clay materials are bonded to the kaolin platelets by the surface charge of the crystals. They can readily be replaced by one another thus affecting the stacking of the platelets and causing either flocculation or deflocculation depending on the charge.

The particle size ctstrlbunon of a material cannot be conveyed by a single fineness figure. especially in the/colloidal range of particles. Only those particles less than 2μ m e.s.d. (equivalent size diameter) are considered to be clay. This is a geological convention but can give comparative information to ceramists. The varied shapes of clay particles, from platelets to tubes, makes the measurement' of size particularly difficult. More than one method is usually needed and the problem of compatibility of the results must be considered[2l.The use of the laser diffraction method of particle sizing used in this project can be used as a comparative value. $\dot{\mathsf{A}}$ mix of particle sizes in a clay body gives the best plasticity as the packing density improves. This also improves the green strength of the wares made from the clay.[2][3][4][5)

The effect of heat on clay minerals resulting in sintering and ultimately vitrification is indirectly the result of this finely divided state of the particles. When the minimum temperature is reached to initiate solid state intercrystallisation without . actually reaching the melting point of the individual body components a lattice arrangement is formed[4j. "During firing the kaolin takes part in a series of reactions which lead to the formation of a glass-rich phase that forms the vitreous . bond in the ceramic body."[2j

The combined effect of these properties result in a unique and irreplaceable. material that' will continue to be utilised by mankind for the production of objects for ritualistic, domestic and structural uses.

1.3 **FUNCTION OF THE CONSTITUENT OXIDES IN CLAY MATERIAL**

The constituent oxides in a clay material individually affect the final ceramic structure. The commonly occurring materials are discussed in this section.

Note: The formula for the Ideal clay Substance is Al_2O_3 . 2Si02. 2H20 [4][2], therefore, the theoretical weight % expressed in oxides is:-

> Si02: 46.51 %. AI203: 39.53% H20: 13.95%

This theoretical composition can be used to give an indication of the amount and type of impurities in the clay material. Kaolinite of this composition does not occur naturally·[2]

The structural formula of kaolinite can be written

(OH)a Si4 AI4 010

a) Silica(Si02)

Silica (Si02) is the most abundant oxide found on the earth's'crust. It forms silicates with other oxides. Most ceramic raw materials are silicates e.g. clay, feldspar, talc.

Silica occurs in clay in the free state as quartz or combined in the structure of minerals. The effect of free silica in a **clay** is to reduce the plasticity, drying shrinkage and dry strength.' Upon heating, free silica forms cristobolite and tridymite, two phases that contribute to the control of reversible thermal expansion and contraction of the fabricated clay body which is related to the glaze fit. Quartz is converted to crystobolite at 1470° but with the addition -of a flux, in particular lime, the reaction can occur sooner. Cristobolite is also 'derived from the break up of the kaolinite lattice. The silica content in a fabricated body can be between 70% and 75% $[2]$.

b) Alumina $(A|_2O_3)$

Alumina occurs as combined aumino-silicates. High alumino content is associated with a high kaolinite content.12]

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p_{\alpha}^{*}L^{\prime}(\mathcal{A})=-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}p_{i}^{*}L^{\prime}(\mathcal{A})
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c) Iron Oxide ($Fe₂O₃$) and Titania ITi02}

These two oxides determine the colour of the clay. The combination of the two oxides should be less than 2% for the body to fire white. [2]

Titania is a white mineral but it enhances the staining power of Iron oxide.

Iron oxide can react with silicates and alumino-silicates to form "compounds that flux in the 11 oooe range.

d} Lime (CaO) and Magnesia (MgO}(Alkali Earth Oxide)

These two oxides act as fluxes in low-fired clay bodies, forming eutectics and reducing the vitrification temperature. The alkali earths (Lime in particular) react with the silica in the clay body forming glass in a similar way to the feldspars but with a softening and melting range shorter than the feldspars. They are usually added in small amounts as the proportion of flux is higher than in Feldspars[3].

The presence of the alkali earths in a clay material can affect the plasticity. The small, multicharged ions can assist in the build-up of the water structure on the edge of a kaolinite crystal [6].

Lime may act as a weak bleaching agent on iron.

Alkali earths can be used in the development of shock proof bodies and also in bodies requiring low shrinkage.I

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e} Alkali oxides (K20 and Na2Q1

These oxides occur in the minerals feldspar and mica. They are powerful fluxes and combine with the silica and alumina during firing to form glasses of complex composition. The presence of potash and soda has a marked influence on the reversible thermal expansion and contraction of the fired body. Alkalies reduce the refractriveness and . vitrification temperature of the clay.

Note on Loss on Ignition (LOI)

This is associated with the loss of hydroxyl ions in the clay structure (water of crystallization) as well as the loss of any organic matter that is present in the clay material.

1.4 **PROJECT PLAN**

The project consists of the following three stages:

1.4.1. Visual Information

To examine the morphology and structure of the surfaces of the clays used in the studio on a microscopic scale and to present them photographically.

To record the variations in colour from one clay to another

1.4.2 Clay analysis

To examine the clays used in the studio and record their physical properties and composition for inclusion in a Data Base.

The interrogative techniques used to develop the Data Base are:

- 1.4.2.1 Physical measurements.
- 1.4.2.2 Chemical analyses.

1.4.3 Clay body

To fabricate "clay bodies" from the chosen clay materials in order to assess the physical properties of the clay materials in this form.

CHAPTER 2

MATERIALS AND EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES.

The rationale on the choice of matsrtals and their preparation for analysis as well as the techniques used for the analyses are presented in this chapter. Some of the analytical techniques rely on results obtained from previous measurements in which case an explanation of the sequence of analysis is given. It shouldbe noted thatthe term clay material is used for the "as supplied" clay, whereas the term clay body implies thatthe materials havebeen mixed intoa claybody in combination withother materials.

2.1 CHOICE OF CLAYS

The clays in regular use in the Ceramic Division of the Technikon Witwatersrand were chosen to be tested in this project. These clays are commercially available and used for clay application by the students and staff. Occasionally a different clay will be introduced into the laboratory for research-based reasons such as a project on porcelain or white earthenware. Usually the choice is based on the required physical properties of the clay. Up to now the recommendation of the clay supplier has been the main criterion for the selection. **JOHANNESBURG**

In the time span of this research project, two of the chosen clays, Western Province 8all Clay and 813, have been re-ordered. Samples from both the old and the new bags of clays have been analysed to show the variation in properties overa period of time.

CLAYS EXAMINED

Sail clays

A Clay (Fire clay) 813 C.Clay Moss clay PXX High cast(imported) Western Province Ball Clay **Kaolins**

G1 Kaolin Serena Kaolin S Kaolin

2.2 SAMPLE LABELING AND FIRING TEMPERATURES

The samples prepared for microscopic study, chemical analysis and the physical tests were labeled as shown in Table 2.1 according to the temperatures at which they were fired. These temperatures were chosen to closely match those used in the studio. As is usual in a working studio the glazes and clay bodies are formulated to mature at a specific temperature to simplify the firing schedule and to make sure that the kilns are fired full of wares as the cost per item must be accounted for.

This system of firing and sample labeling has been used throughout the project. The A, or unfired sample was dried to 11OOC in order to rid it of pore water. In the samples for the SEM this is necessary for the carbon coating to adhere to the surface and in the samples for the shrinkage and absorption tests it ensured that the Wet to Dry shrinkage was complete. The sample was not fired.

2.2.1 Samples for the microscopic studies and chemical analyses.

The microscopic studies were carried out by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and the chemical analyses by energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EOAX). The samples examined on the SEMIEOAX were the A and 0 samples. To examine all four of the samples for each of the clay materials proved to be too time consuming and expensive. The results from the A and 0 samples were close, or even the same therefore it was assumed that the other two samples (8 & C) would also give very similar results.

2.2.2 Samples for the physical tests

Samples fired to the four temperatures given in Table 2.1 were used for the physical tests. Where needed for the shrinkage and absorption tests, an additional sample was made and fired to 600°C. This is the temperature at which ceramic change becomes irreversible. The clay material is converted to a ceramic. The hydroxyl groups (OH) are removed from the clay lattice and the absorbed water. is removed from the fractured ends of the clay lattice-[7] (Section 1.2) This additional sample gave insight into the sintering properties of the clay materials.

2.3 **METHOD OF SAMPLE PREPARATION**

2.3.1 Samples for theSCanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

The requirements for samples for the SEM were examined. It is essential that the sample fit into standard brass holders (Fig.2.1) and that the top surface of the sample be flush with the top of the holder so that the electron beam strikes the surrace at 900 and the sample position is known. The internal holder (Fig. 2.1) should be firmly tightened with the grub screw.

2.3.1.1 First set of samples

a) The very first samples made were broken from a larger test piece. These irregularly shaped shards proved difficult to mount correctly. An attempt to mount a small clay fragment in a bakelite plug made conductive by the inclusion of iron, proved unsuccessful as the sample continued to "charge" when in the microscope, due to the accumulation of secondary electrons on the surface of the sample.

2.3.1.2 Second set of samples

a) A Plaster of Paris mold was made in the shape of an egg box to form the samples into the correct shape to fit into the brass sample holder. The clays were wet mixed and then dried in this mold before firing. Four samples of each clay were made. The rounded side of the clay "buttons" was ground flat on a marble slab to obtain a suitable surface for analysis. If the surface is left rough the electron beam is scattered in scattered in many directions, and information is lost. Besides this the depth of penetration of the beam would not be the same at different orientations of the surface with respect to the beam, so secondary electrons and X-rays from different depths would be received, which would make it impossible to compare data from different samples.

b) The samples were carbon coated with the assistance of the Electron Microscope Unit of the University of the Witwatersrand. This coating makes the sample conductive thereby preventing the surface of the clay from "charging up" whilst being examined in the SEM.

c)The build up of charge on the surface of the samples proved to be considerable, especially on the A (unfired) samples, in spite of the carbon coating. It is essential to cover the samples with sufficient DAG, a suspension of graphite powder in acetone, in order to lead the charge to earth, leaving uncovered, (but coated with carbon) the area to be analysed.

2.3.2 Samples for the physical tests

There is a large number of books and publications giving techniques of clay evaluation and testing.[2][4][7J[a] The purpose of this research is to identify the techniques necessary for the evaluation and testing of clays in a studio situation.

The Physical Tests carried out were the following: (4)

- a) Shrinkage
- b) Water Absorption
- c) Loss on Ignition (LOI)
- d) Plasticity
- e) Particle size
- f) Colour comparison

The samples for the physical tests were prepared from the same clays as those prepared for examination in the SEM.

2.3.2.1 Method of sample preparation

art kilogram of clay was mixed with water to form a workable, plastic clay.

b)The clay was wedged thoroughly and formed into suitable test pieces for the tests described in 2.4.2.1.

c) Samples of the clay in powder form were prepared for particle size tests to be conducted at the Dept. Chemical Engineering University of Witwatersrand. (courtesy of Prof. Moys)

2.3.3. Samp/es for the "Clay Body Iltests

Clay materials are seldom used in their found state but are mixed with other materials to form clay bodies with the required properties for their particular use. In order to obtain a normalised assessment of the clay materials they were mixed into "clay bodies" and tested (Table 3.32) (Chapter 4).

> a) The nine clay materials listed in 2.1 were combined with Feldspar and Silica in the following proportions and formed into "clay bodies".

b)The clay was wedged thoroughly and formed into suitable test pieces for the tests described in 2.4.2.1.

c) Samples of feldspar and silica were analysed in the SEM/EDAX (Appendix E) in order to include their composition into the Materials Definition Table included in the."Insight" Ceramic Chemistry software programme(2.6.2).

2.4 EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

2.4.1 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and Energy DIspersIveX-ray AnalysIs (EDAX)

2.4.1.1 Basic Principles of the SEM/EDAX.⁽²⁾

The SEMIEDAX was selected as the instrument of analysis as the imaging of the surface and the chemical analysis of the individual clay materials can be performed simultaneously. This complied with the project aiming at visual and analytical characterization of the clays.

The SEM produces an image from the sample being examined as a result of the impingement of a finely focused electron beam onto its surface. The instrument basically consists of three groups of components: the electron optical column, the vacuum system including the specimen chamber and stage and the EDAX signal detection and display systems. The electron gun is usually a heated hairpin, tungsten filament. The electrons from the stream emitted from the gun are focused as they travel down the electron column by electromagnetic lenses which focus the beam to a diameter less than 100 Angstrom when it strikes the sample surface. The beam is scanned by electromagnetic scanning coils in synchronisation with the cathode-ray display tubes. When the beam impinges on the sample, secondary and backscattered electrons, X-radiation, and cathodoluminescence are emitted[9]. For this research project the secondary electrons were' used to image the surface (with occasional use of backscattered electrons) and the X-radiation was used to analyse the chemical composition of the samples.

The secondary electrons that are emitted from the surface of the sample when it is impacted by a primary electron beam travel in all directions. However, since secondary electrons have relatively low energies, about 20 electron volts, essentially all of the secondary electrons, regardless of the direction in which they are emitted, are easily attracted to a collector mesh that has a positive potential of about 200 volts. This means that all spots on the sample surface will be included in the final image. However, it also means that secondary electrons produced by either primary or backscattering (Le. reflected) electrons striking other parts of the microscope, for example the objective lens, will also contribute to the final image. It has been estimated that about 30% of the final image is derived from extraneous interactions of this type. This phenomenon unfortunately creates noise in the image. Since all the secondary electrons entering the collector at any instant come from the small spot on the sample where the primary beam is striking, there is no need to focus the emitted

secondary electrons. Behind the collector is an aluminium coated light pipe which is excited with a potential of about .12.5 kV. This pipe is a solid rod made of specially doped plastic. Electrons that strike the end of the light pipe penetrate. the thin aluminium coating and excite electron-hole pairs in the light pipe. These combine to produce photons which travel through the light pipe to a photomultiplier which produces a current. Anyelectrons that happen to travel away from the photomultiplier will be reflected by the aluminium coating and their motion reversed towards the photo multiplier. The current produced by the photomultiplier is amplified and used to modulate the intensity on a cathode ray tube which creates the final image.

The resolution and the depth of field of an SEM are the features that permit both the peaks and valleys normally encountered on a rough surface to be imaged in focus even at relatively high magnification. (Although the surfaces of the samples were ground flat, at the high magnifications used they appeared as rough surfaces). The contrast observed on the secondary electron image on the cathode ray tube is dependent primarily on the topography of the surface. A small variation in the angle between the primary electron beam and the surface of the sample where it strikes causes considerable variation in the brightness of the final image. Sharp edges or corners appear brighter than adjoining regions of the sample because their geometry causes greater quantities of secondary electrons to be emitted from them[9].

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The energy dipersive X-ray analyser (EDAX) analyses the X-rays that are emitted from the spot where the electron beam strikes the sample. These X-rays have wavelengths characteristic of the elements contained in this precise area in an intensity proportional to their quantity which is measured by.the spectrometer. A quantitative chemical analysis is possible by comparing the wavelengths and the intensity with known standards. The mineral standards for this project were loaned by Mintek and installed into the analytical programme linked to the EDAX (Appendix D) The use of the SEM/EDAX proved to be an efficient, accessible technique for obtaining the composition of clay materials for use in the Ceramic Division, TWA.

2.4.1.2 Procedure for Analysis of Clays

The procedure for the analysis of the clay samples was developed with the assistance of the Electron Microscope Unit at the University of Witwatersrand(10).

a) The samples were prepared as described in paragraph 2.3.1.

b) The samples were analysed using a Co standard that calibrates the energy scale. A sample of pure Co is permanently mounted at the side of the standard brass holder where it can be accessed and analysed

between each of the sample analyses. The zero strobe is set on, or as close as possible to, zero. The Cobalt K line should fall on 6.9242 keV. Any displacement was calibrated and corrected.

c) Mineral standards selected to-closely correlate with the minerals commonly found in clay were used with the permission of MINTEK. The virtual or theoretical standards and the mineral standards available could not be calibrated adequately to give accuracy for elements such as sodium and magnesium which appear low on the atomic scale. A list of the standards used appear in (Appendix D).

d) The microscope was focused on the Co standard at 39mm working distance (WD) and x2000 magnification. The count rate was set on 1900 cps varying the Probe Current for adjustment. The Gun Alignment Tilt was checked at regular intervals to minimise drift. The Co standard was analysed between each two sample analyses in order to ensure the correct calibration. This process was repeated for each sample. The spectrum, a stoichiometric analysis giving the oxide percentage of the elements and an apparent concentration analysis giving the concentration of the various elements in the clay material were recorded for each sample. UNIVERSITY

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e)The data were collected with ZAF correction [10] (Appendix D) i.e. correcting for:-

- $Z =$ Atomic number
- $A =$ Absorption
- $F =$ Fluorescence

2.4.1.3 Correlation of clay data.

The clay data acquired from the SEMIEDAX were collected in these forms:-

a) computer generated analysis sheets giving the concentration of the elements in atomic percent. (Appendix D)

b) computer generated analysis sheets giving the stoichiometrically normalised analysis l.e. the oxide concentration in weight percent or molar percent (Appendix D).

c) Spectra of the above analyses.

d) Photographs of the samples at selected magnifications.

The calculattcns required for the analysis and comparison of clay materials are discussed in secnon 2.5 under clay evaluation $&c$ calculations. The visual information obtained is reported in Chapter 3 together with the physical data of the materials. The data collected in the course of this project has been stored in the form of a data base accessible to the Ceramic Division (Section 2.6)

2.4.2 Physical Tests

2.4.2.1 Linear Shrinkage. Water Absorption. Loss on Ignition. Colour and Particle Size(4)(11)

a) Linear Shrinkage

The claymatertal was prepared as discussed in 2.3.3.1, rolled into flat slabs and cut into rectangular samples. A 10cm line was inscribed onto each sample before firing to the required temperatures (Table 2.1). The shrinkage was measured from the shortening of the inscribed line for each of these temperatures. The wet-to-fired shrinkage is shown in the charts for each of the nine clay materials.(Chapter 3) and in (Chapter4) wet-to-fired linear shrinkage is given by:-

 $[(wet length - fired length)/wet length] \times 100\%$

b) Water Absorption. **JOHANNESBURG**

The samples were prepared as discussed in 2.3.3.1 and fired to the required temperatures. (Table 2.1)

The fired samples were weighed (D), placed in a saucepan and boiled for five hours, wiped dry and weighed again (S). The % water absorption is calculated by the formula

 $[(Soaked wt - Dry wt)/Dry wt] \times 100 = % Water Absorption$

The information gained from this test gives insight into the fluxing rate of the clay material. Graphs of the results of test a) and b) are included in the information on individual clays (Chapter 3) and in (Chapter 4).

c) Loss on Ignition:

100 grams of each clay was formed into a flattened disc which was allowed to dry for 24 hours, weighed (this weight will be indicated as (a) and the weights measured subsequently will be indicated as (b) and (e)) and then heated to 11OOC in order to drive off the pore water. The sample was then weighed again. (b)

The sample was fired to 1000^{0C} and re-weighed.(c) The difference between (b) and (e) is the Loss on Ignition. (LOI)

100 - (a) = Weight of water of plasticity in a 100 gm sample.

(a) $-$ (b) = Weight of pore water in a 100 gm sample

 $LO=(b)-(c)$

The result of the LOI test is included in the ultimate analysis calculation $(2.5.1.1)$.

d) Colour., ,
The flat samples used in (c) were each photographed by means of the stereo-microscope at the Schonland Research Centre, University of the Witwatersrand. (Chapter 3)

e) Particle Size Test.

The "Malvern mastersizer" laser diffraction instrument was chosen as the method of analysis as it is capable of measuring colloidal particles accurately.

The Laser Diffraction particle size analyser in the Dept. of Civil Engineering, University of the Witwatersrand was used for these test, by courtesy of Prof. Moys.

The basic principles of operation are as follows:-

the clay material is dispersed in water by stirring and ultrasound. The clay particles are then passed through a laser beam. When the light beam is interrupted by particles which are of varying diameters, a series of diffraction light ring patterns are formed . Each light ring is spaced radially at a distance which is uniquely related to a particular particle size. If a photosensitive detector is then placed in the path of the diffraction patterns, and the detector output scanned, digitised and programmed in a micro-computer, then the size distribution of the particles can be determined.[4][12]

The percentage of particles less than 2 *pm* is given in the analyses of the individual clay materials (Chapter 3) and further analyses in (Chapter 4) The complete particle size analyses can be found -in Appendix C

2.4.2.2 Plasticity Tests(2)(4)

Clay materials are not often used in their found state but are combined into a clay body for manufacture. This test was therefore performed on the standard "clay bodies" that were mixed from the chosen clay materials in order to obtain a realistic result..

Plasticity has been defined as "That property which enables a material to be changed in shape without rupturing by the application of an external force and to retain that shape when the force is removed or reduced below a certain value. "(4) The factors affecting plasticity are:-

- a) water content
- b) size, shape and composition of the particles
- c) electrolyte content
- d) history and preparation methods of the clay.

The "clay body" was prepared as described above (2.3.3).

The throwing test was divided into two sections.

i) A 500gm ball of clay was thrown into a cylinder 8cm in diameter. The height was measured.

ii) A 500gm ball of the clay was thrown in any form that the potter found suitable for the particular "clay body".

The results were recorded on an increasing scale rated from 1-5 (Table 3.32) and in (Chapter 4).

2.5 CLAY EVALUATION &CALCULATIONS

2.5.1 Clay analysis

The proportion of elements present in the clay material samples were determined by EDAX (204.1) making use of a Cobalt standard. The composition was obtained as % element, atomic % and oxide% and the formula of the material. An example of the computer analysis is shown in (Table 2.2.) The oxide % is calculated stoichiometrically from the % elements and the atom %. It is convention to report the composition of silicates (oxides) in terms of the total oxides however this is a theoretical calculation assuming that all the elements are oxides and that the percentage weight added to the % elements is oxygen alone. The elemental analysis is more correct as the oxide (stoichiometric) basis could be interpreted as conveying the concept that the material is a physical mix of oxides. In fact the oxide minerals consist of a regular packing of oxygen atoms of the O-sublattice with the interstices filled with metallic or amphoteric elements in stoichiometric proportions [151.

2.5.1.1 Ultimate analysis

The chemical analysis given in terms of percentage composition. of oxides[4]

The Ultimate Analysis was carried out as follows:-

two areas from each sample were analysed and the average of the two sets of results was taken as the composition of the sample. For the purpose of this project the atomic % analysis (Table 2.2 ColA) was entered into the data base ultimate analysis calculation table (Table 2.3). A description of the method of calculation appears below Table 2.3.

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Alternatively the average of the two stoichiometric results (Table 2.2 Co1.6) could be used to obtain the ultimate analysis.

Column Description

- **1) Element (K line)(2 = Link Programme giving the mineral standards 2.4.1.3**
- **2) ZAF Correction. See 2.4.1.2 (AppendixD).**
- **3) % Element byweight.**
- **4) Atomic %of Elements**
- **5) Oxides ofthe elements assumed to be present.**
- **6) % oxides stoichiometrically calculated.**
- **7) Formula ofthe clay.**

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Note * = Molecular content of oxides in 100 atoms of clay. C

• ELOI was measured for the same clay fired to 1000^{0C}

Column Description

- 1) Elements in oxides being analysed
- 2) Atomic % taken from Column 4 Table2.2 (First analysis)
- 3) Atomic % taken from Column 4 Table 2.2 (Second analysis)
- 4) Average of Columns 2 & 3
- 5) Number of molecules of the oxides per 100 atoms of clay.
- 6) Column 5 multiplied by the molecular weight of the oxide of the element.
- 7) Mass of oxides (in weight %) and mass lost on ignition by 100 weight units of clay material.
- 8) Normalised results of column 7. These results are used for the Rational Analysis calculation (Table 2.4)

2.5.1.2 Rational Analysis or Proximate analysis or Calculated mineralogy. The approximate amounts of mineralogical constituents present in the clay material. calculated from the ultimate analysis. [4J

The calculation of the Rational analysis from the Ultimate analysis was first introduced by Seger in 1876. It is nowunderstood that this calculation doesnot take the mineralogical composition of the clay materials into account. It is therefore not totallyaccurate, but nevertheless is of importance to the studiopotteras an empirical method for the comparison of clay materials[8]. Some clays have their fluxing oxides present as mica and some as feldspar. Both the Feldspar convention and the Mica convention{4} calculations have been included in Table 2.4 One or other result would be used depending upon the mineralogical composition of the clay. The Feldspar convention, assuming that the clay material is felspathic, is usually used in the studio situation,

> a) The feldspar convention which assumes that all the alkali oxides are present as sodafeldspar and potash feldspar. The total of the K20 and Na20 should be low (2-4%)[4]

b) The mica convention assumes that all the alkali oxides are present as soda mica or potash mica.

It is therefore necessary to know whether feldspar or mica is present in the clay material. X-ray diffraction is the most usual source of this information recorded in published literature on the composition of clay materials.Pl Other clay minerals that may be present in the clay material such as smectite, chlorite, vermiculite and pyrophelite will not appear in theresults on account of the assumption on which the calculations are based but may have an influence on the properties of the clay. [2]

A derivation of the calculations can be found in (AppendiX A). A concise explanation of the calculations can be found below Table 2.4.

Description of Columns

Material whose content must be determined. The information is 1) taken either from the Ultimate analysis (Table 2.3) or from the results obtained in the calculation. The data from the "A" sample (as supplied) are used.

 (2) The data from column 8 of the Ultimate analysis is entered into this column. The entry column is completed as the calculation progresses. e.g. the Feldspar content in this column is taken from the result of the calculation described by the first line.

In the calculation column the symbols used are *derived* from 3) the MACRO computer programme

 $* = X : " " = Not included in the formula.$

Letters are used to explain the sequence of the calculations.

The calculation carried out according to The Feldspar Convention [4J] **Total** alkalis x 5.92 $=$ % feldspar %Feldspar x 0.183 $=$ %A1203 in feldspar

%Feldspar x 0.647 = %Si02 in feldspar (Total %A1203 - %A1203 in feldspar) $x 2.53 =$ % clay substance %Clay substance x $0.465 = %$ Si 02 in clay Total %Si02 - (%Si02 in clay $+$ %Si02 in feldspar)= % silica

The calculation carried out for% Water in the clay

%Clay substance x 0.140 = loss due to water in the clay molecule. $(LOI - loss due to water in clay) = loss due to organic matter.$

The calculation carried out according to The Mica convention [4]

A full explanation of the above calculation is found in (Appendix A) The explanation for use of the Data Base is given in Section 2.6.

2.5.2 The composition of the clay material.

The composition of the clay material and ultimately the clay body can be assessed from the above calculations. Tables of the data, compiled from the results of the ultimate analyses and the rational analyses, as well as additional comparative information, can be found in Chapter 4.

2.6 **DATA BASE**

2.6.1 **Purpose 01theDataBase**

The information gathered in the course of this research projectand any datathat may be collected in the future must be collated in order to make it useful to the Ceramic Division, TWA.

2.6.2 **Description 01theDataBase**

The computer software programme used for the purpose of storing the data is "INSIGHT Ceramic Calculations and Recipe Management SoftWare for the Glaze, Clay andGlasssciences"(14)

The "tnslqht" programme does not contain calculations for the rational analysis of clays. Therefore the calculation Tables 2.3 and 2.4 were installed on a computer Macro worksheet that is accessible to the Illnsight" programme.

The materials entered in the Illnsight" Materials Definition Table (MDT) are American and Canadian but the table can be expanded to include additional materials. In order to obtain the ultimate or chemical analysis and the rational analysis of a clay body using the'tnslqht" programme, the following stepsmust be followed:-

> a) the chemical composition of the clay materials examined must be entered into the MDT making the analysis available for the theoretical blending of clay bodies (Table 2.5).

> b) the materials can be recalled from the MDT and theoretically blended in the required quantities (Table 2.6).

> c) The ultimate analyses and the formulae of the resultant clay bodies are obtained for comparative purposes. .

> d) The rational analysis can be calculated using the ultimate analysis (Table 2.7. Seealso Table2.4) for additional comparison.

An explanation of Table 2.5 and2.6 appears after the tables.

The information gained from the"lnsight" programme is:-

a) .The clay recipe in Standard Formula calculation Shown in Table 2.5.and 2.6.

Column A: The ultimate analysis, calculated from the EDAX data This is, in effect, the "recipe" of the clay material. The LOI is entered in the programme andis accounted for in the calculation.

Column B: The ultimate analysis (recipe) including the LOI expressed as a percentage.

Column C: Theclaybody recipe

Column D: Therecipe expressed as a percentage.

Column E: The formula of the clay in which the oxide mix is expressed according to the relative numbers of molecule types[141. This information can give insight into the molecular structure responsible for the firing behavior. The formula can be adjusted to show a single material or a group of materials as unity. In the case of clay it is convention to give A1203 as unity. This allows for comparison of materials.

Column F: Theformula is multiplied by the atomic weight of each oxide and then brought to a percentage. In this instance it is similar to the ultimate analysis entered in Column A as the clay material is not blended. The LOI is not included. NNESBURG

Column G: Theformula of the claybody.

Column H: The analysis of the clay body. This information can be entered intothe rational analysis calculation (Table 2.4.)

.b)The Detail Formula calculation giving a detailed break down of materials into relative numbers of molecule types, or a Mix ticket giving the mixing instructions according to batch.slze, An example is not included of these two calculations as it is the same information as that in Column H in different format.

c) The "cost" has not yet been programmed.

d) The LOI taken from the results of thephysical tests.

e) The Ratio of Silica to Alumina.

f) The thermal expansion of the clay theoretically calculated by the "Insight" programme.

g) The Molecular weight of theformula.

CHAPTER 3

RESULTS OF CLAY MATERIAL ANALYSIS

The results of the research into the composition of clay materials are included in this chapter. The analysis and summary of each of the nine clay materials is shown separately. It should be noted that the summary includes conclusions that will be repeated in Chapter 4 in orderto make this chapter a complete reference of the clay materials. Details on the calculations included in thischapter are given in Appendix A, on the results of the physical tests in Appendix C, and the raw data from EDAX and ultimate and rational analyses can befound in Appendix D. The comparative tables of the results of the analyses are included in Chapter 4.

It should be noted in the Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage tables that although the temperature is DoC the sample has in fact been fully dried to 11 OoC to rid the clayof the porewater andto complete the wetto dry shrinkage.

When giving the chemical composition of clays it is convention to list them as oxides and to include loss on ignition (LOI). In analysis done on calcined samples (e.g. Sample D) the LOI value is given. In such cases the analysis is adjusted to total 100weight units.

It should be noted that the *clay table* and spectrum do not show the same information. The clay table shows the calculated ultimate analysis (Table 2.3) of the clay material in terms of the component oxides. The spectrum shows the relative amounts of elements in one of the two samples included in the ultimate analysis.

As the Rational analysis is based on the assumed mineralogical composition of the clay material (2.5.1.2) and as the results from the A and D samples proved to be similar, only the results of the A sample are included in the results for comparative purposes.

As a final comparative technique the nine clay materials chosen were combined with feldspar and silica in a known proportion and formed into clay bodies (2.3.3). The reason for this final comparison is that clay is seldom used in its found state but rather blended, to form a required body for use in the studio (1.1). These resultant clay bodies could be compared both quantitatively and empirically. The results of the plasticity tests appear in this chapter. The comparative table of the Ultimate analyses of theclaybodies can befound in Chapter 4 (Table 4.2).

BALL CLAY

3.1. A-CLAY

3.1.1. Origin and Mineralogy

"A" clay occurs in the Vereeniging region. It is mined and supplied in an unaltered state.

3.1.2 Clay analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out from the data collected on the SEM./EDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of A-Clay A can be found in (Table 3.1) and D in (Table 3.4) The results of the Rational analysis of A-Clay A can be found in (Table 3.5).

A-CLAY A

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen. (Ch. 1)

A-eLAYD

Magnification X 600

This is a micrograph of the surtace of the clay fired to 1200⁰C

Large well fluxed particles can be seen. These particles are also visible in FIG 3.5

A-CLAY D

Magnification X 1200

This micrograph of the crack. in FIG 3.3 shows "ligaments" of fluxed material preventing the crack from splitting open.

The data in Table 3.5 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation (Table 2.4)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SURFACE OF THE CLAY MATERIAL X 80 (Table 2.1)

3.1.3 Clay Properties

3.1.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.1.3.2 Colour

A-CLAY

Photograph of A -CLAY fired to the selected temperatures. The change in colour can be clearly seen.

The colour at 11OOoC (C) is the palest.

3.1.3 3 Particle Size

2 microns is the upper grain-size limit for materials to be classified as clay.l2) 2.4.2.3

3.1.4 Summary and Preliminary Evaluation

A-clay is a plastic fire- clay from the clayfields of Vereeniging and Van der Bijl Park. Fire-clays are suitable for making oven ware.

A-clay has 5.71 % combined Fe+Ti (Table 3.1)The requirement for whiteware is 2% (2.5.2.1) With additions of Feldspar and Silica to make up a clay body. this clay could be useful for a slightly off-white ware fired to 1100^0 $\rm C$ The titanium content is the highest of all the clays tested (Table 4.1). This will enhance the staining power of the iron in the clay material.

The % particles below 2 microns is low (3.1.3.3) with the peak at the largest value in the particle size valuation at $20 \mu m$ indicating that there is a fairly high proportion of large clay particle but a spread of particle sizes making the clay material very plastic when formed into a claybody.This clay material is high in Alkaline earths (Table 4.1 b) (1.2) a contributing factor to plasticity.l6)

The Alumina content is the highest among the selected clays materials making the material refractory. This will minimise the shrinkage and increase the firing range (Table 4.1).

The total of the fluxes $= 3.0\%$ (Table 4.1). The clay fluxes strongly after 1100^oC (FIG3.S) The fluxing begins in small isolated pinheads (FIG 3.5) Along with the fluxing thecolour changes. (FIG 3.7)

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BALL CLAY

3.2 B13 BALL CLAY

3.2.1 Origin and Mineralogy

The clay deposit is on the farm 8uffelsfontein in the Riversdale district. The material consists mainly of kaolinite, illite and quartz, l10

3.2.2 Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected by the SEM./EDAX (2.5.1). The results of the Ultimate analysis of 813 Clay A can be found in (Table 3.6) and D in (Table 3.7). The results of the Rational analysis can be found in (Table 3.8).

Two samples of the clay were analysed as a new batch of clay was brought into the studio. (3.2.4)

813 CLAY A

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen. (1.2) This photo is taken of a rough patch where the particles are separate.

813 CLAY A

Magnification X 2000

Sample of 813 A in powder form. The flat flaky nature of the particles is shown.

813 CLAY 8

Magnification X 2200

This is the only example of a 8 sample in the SEM. The particles are still separated and unchanged in form after firing at this temperature. (Table 2.1)

813 CLAY D

Magnification X 600

The sintered surface with separate particles is shown in this micrograph

813 CLAY D

Magnification X 600

The sintered surface of the clay material can be seen.

The data in Table 3.3 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.2.3 **Clay Properties**

3.2.3.1 Water Absorption and ·Linear Shrinkage

3.2.3.2 Colour

813 CLAY

Photograph of B13 CLAY fired to the selected temperatu res. The change in colour can be clearly seen.

The colour at $1100^{\circ}C$ (C) is the palest.. At 1200⁰ the colour is a yellow/green

3.2.3 3 Particle Size

2 microns is the upper grain-size limit for materials to be classified as $c1ay.2$ $(2.4.2.3)$

3.2.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

B 13 is a commonly used clay supplied by G&W Base Minerals.

On examination the clay appears fineparticled but highlyspeckled. (FIG 3.13) The clay content is high 16.2% of the particles are below 2μ m in size (3.2.3.3)

The claymixed intoa claybodywasof average plasticity.

The Fe+Ti content is 3.2%. When combined with feldspar and silica to form a clay body the white wares requirement of 2% would be met. The clay has a characteristic green tinge at fluxing temperatures.(3.15) Fluxing occurs giving a biscuit-like surface.

Separate particles of iron, chromium, titanium and calcium were identified in the materiaL

The absorption curve shows that vitrification is almost complete by ¹¹ aaoe and the shrinkage is minimal from e to D. Le. ¹¹ oovc - 12aOoe (Fig 3.14)

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When comparing the two clay samples of B13 it was found that the iron content in sample 1 is almost .2% higher than sample 2 and the total flux content in sample 1 is 13.3% higher than in sample 2.and 44% higher than the supplier's analysis states.(Appendix B)

BALL CLAY

3.3 C-CLAY

3.3.1 Origin and Mineralogy

C-Clay (Crous clay) is mined at Peyneskraal in the Grahamstown district. The material consists mainly of illite with a small amount of kaolinite[11)

3.3.2 Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM IEDAX (2.5.1)(Appendix D) The results of the ultimate analysis of Cclay A can be found in (Table 3.9) and D in (Table 3.10) The results of the Rational analysis of C-Clay can be found in (Table 3.12)

c -eLAV 0

Magnification X 600

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen. (1.2) The particles are beginning to sinter and coagulate.

C-eLAVD

Magnification X 2000

The individual particles have run together forming a lattice on the surface.

c-eLAY D

Magnification X 600

The particle of Cr,Fe and Ni can be seen resting on the surface. the surrounding clay is sintered and congealed.(Spectrum 3.11)

The data in Table 3.12 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

FIG 3.19

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SURFACE OF THE CLAY MATERIAL X 80 (Table 2.1)

3.3.3 Clay Properties

3.3.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.3.3.2 Colour

C-CLAY

Photograph of C-CLAY fired to the selected temperatures.

This is a light coloured clay, even at high temperatures.

3.3.3 3 Particle Size

2 microns is the upper grain-size limit for materials to be classified as clay.l2] 2.4.2.3

3.3.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

C-Clay is among the whitest of the clays tested. The combined Fe+Ti value is 2.06%(Table 4.1 a) making it a suitable whiteware clay but the clay displays a tendency to dilate when combined in a clay body and the plasticity is mediocre.(3.32)

The Silica content is the highest of the tested clays and the Alumina the 10west.(FIG 4.1)

The total flux contentis 4.58% which is high. The resultof this can be seen in the total vitrification of the clay at 1200oe (FIG 3.20) but the clay was not sintered at 600⁰ causing the sample to disintegrate when boiled for the water absorption test.

The fluxing occursin "chains" overthe surface of the material. (FIG 3.17)

BALL CLAY

3.4 MOSS CLAY

3.4.1 Origin and Mineralogy

The deposit is on the farm Collingham in the Grahamstown district. The material consists mainly of kaolinite, illite and quartz with a little pyrophyllite and feldspar.^[10]

3.4.2 Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM./EDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of Moss clay A can be found in (Table 3.13) and D in (Table 3.14). The results of the Rational analysis of Moss clay A can be found in (Table 3.16)

MOSS CLAY A

Magnification X2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be clearly seen. (1.2)

MOSSCLAY₀

Magnification X 3500

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen.

Moss clay exhibited the well known "stack of cards" structure

MOSS CLAY 0

Magnification X 3500

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen stacked on edge.

MOSS CLAY 0

Magnification X750

The white particle can be seen on the surface of the clay. See (Spectrum 3.15)

MOSSCLAY D

Magnification X 1500

This is an enlargement of FIG 3.25 . The string like attachments of the sintered particles can be seen

The data in Table 3.16 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.4.3 Clay Properties

3.4.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.4.3.2 Colour

MOSS CLAY

Photograph of A CLAY fired to the selected temperatures. the change in colour can be clearly seen.

The colour at 1100GC (C) is the palest.

3.4.3 3 Particle Size

2 microns is the upper grain-size limit for materials to be classified as clay. $f^{212.4.2}.3$

3.4.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

Moss clay is a readily available clay supplied by G & W Base Minerals.

This clay is close to fluxing point at 1200^0C but is still absorbent at 1100^0 C.(Fig 3.28)

The particle size test showed that the peak at the largest value of the particle size valuation is below 10μ m and there is an even spread of particle sizes. Although a low proportion of particles was clay material, in the throwing test this clay proved to be very plastic and firm to throw with.

Moss clay exhibits a matrix of varying sized particles.(FIG 3.22) and a non- compacted surface different to any of the other clay materials.

The combined Fe $+$ Ti content is 2.77 % (Table 4.1) making it a possible clay for whitewares as this content will be less than 2% after blending, even in high proportions.

The total fluxes are 4.57% which is the highest along with C Clay (Table 4.1a) The particles show a spider-like fluxing pattern over the surface of the material at 12000C.**JOHANNESBURG**

BALL CLAY

3.5 PXX BALL CLAY

3.5.1 Origin and Mineralogy

PXX is an imported Ball clay. Origin and mineralogy unknown

3.5.2 Clay analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM IEDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of PXX-clay A can be found in (Table 3.17) and D in (Table 3.18). The results of the Rational analysis of Pxx-Clay A can be found in (Table 3.19).

PXXCLAY A

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen.

The clay is homogeneous.

NOTE: The CaO in this sample is higher than in the other samples analysed

PXXCLAY 0

Magnification X1000

The sintered surface.

PXX CLAY 0

Magnification X12

The round sponge like particles can be seen.

The particles are of the same composition as the surrounding material.

3.5.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

PXX Bait Clay is an imported clay used for white throwing and slip casting bodies. It was analysed in this project for comparison.

PXX Ball Clay is white at all temperatures (FIG 3.34) The combined Fe+Ti content is 2.01% which falls easily within the 2% white wares limit.

(Table 4.1)

The fluxing on the surface occurs in pinheads similar to those seen in the Kaolins

The total fluxes equal 3.45% (Table 4.1). The clay is close to vitrification at 11aaoc and the shrinkage is between 15% - 20%.(Fig 3.33)

This clay proved to be very plastic when formed into a clay body and thrown on the wheel.(Table 3.32) The clay content of the material is high, 74.85% as can be noted in (Table 4.3) The particle size distribution is evenly spread without any particular peak(Appendix C).

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BALL CLAY

3.6 WESTERN PROVINCE BALL CLAY

3.6.1 Origin and Mineralogy

Western Province Ball Clay is mined near Kraaifontein in the Stellenbosch district. The material consists mainly of kaolinite with some quartz. The organic matter content is very high.[10]

3.6.2 Clay Analysis.

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM IEDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of WPBC-A can be found in (Table 3.20) and D in (Table 3.21). The results of the Rational analysis of WPBC-A can be found in (Table 3.22)

WPBC CLAY A

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen.

CLAY DATA

WPBC CLAY D

Magnification X 2000

The surface is sintered and has
a lattice-lke appearance

The data in Table3.22 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.6.3 Clay Properties

3.6.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.6.3.2 Colour

3.6.33 Particle Size

Photograph of WPBC fired to

the selected temperatures. The change in colour can be clearly seen.

The typical gray of high carbon ball clays is evident in A. The body darkens when fired above 11000C

3.6.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

Western Province Ball Clay is supplied by G & W Base Minerals. It is plastic when blended in a clay body and with A-clay proved to be the most plastic of the chosen clays. (Table 3.32)

Two samples of this clay were analysed as a new order was brought into the studio. The two orders proved to be very similar in composition. (Table3.20)

The combined Fe $+$ Ti content of this clay is fairly high -3.38%

(Table 4.1a) -but it could be used as a constituent of a clay body in which the other materials are pale in colour.

The Potash content was 38% higher in the EDAX analysis than in the suppliers analysis. (Appendix B)

WPBC is low in fluxes.- 2.06% As a result of this the water absorption is high e.g.. 25% at 600⁰ \mathbf{C} (Fig.3.38). The material is high in clay substance 76.94% as can be seen in the Rational analysis (Table 3.2.2)(Table 4.3)

KAOLIN

3.7 G1 KAOLIN

3..7.1 Origin and Mineralogy

The deposit is on the farm Zyferfontein in the Grahamstown district. The material consists mainly of kaolinite and illite.f¹⁰1

3.7.2 Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM IEDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D) the results of the Ultimate analysis of G1 Kaolin-A can be found in (Table 3.23) and 0 in (Table 3.24). The results of the Rational analysis of G1 Kaolin-A can be found in (Table 3.25).

G1 KAOLIN A

Magnification X 2000

Stacked platelets can be seen.

G1 KAOLIN 0

Magnification X 2000

The pinheads of fluxed clay material can be seen, The analysis shows that there is no difference in composition in inclusions.

The data in Table 3.25 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.7.3 Clay Properties

3.7.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.7.3.2 Colour

G1 KAOLIN

Photograph of G1 KAOLIN fired to the selected temperatures. There is very little change in .colour.

3.7.3 2 Particle Size

3.7.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

G1 Kaolin is a widely used clay material both for clay bodies and for glazes. The clay is supplied by G & W Base Minerals

The proportion of flux - 3.39%- is high for a kaolin causing the material to flux and vitrify at 1200° . (FIG3.43)

The clay substance" in G1 Kaolin is low 58.41% for a kaolin and the Feldspar content high 17.23% as is the free silica content 26.09% (Table4.3) which should be taken into account when blending a clay body using this material as this combination may cause dunting of the wares due to an excess of free silica in the body.

The Fe + Ti content is well below the 2% limit for whitewares.

KAOLIN

3.8 SERINA KAOLIN

3.8.1 Origin and Mineralogy

Serina Kaolin is mined at Brakkloof in the Kommetjie-Fischoek valley on the Cape Peninsula.

The Cape kaolins are formed in situ by weathering and hydrothermal action. The residual material consists mainly of kaolinite. quartz and mica with occasional inclusions of halloysite, and smectite-illite[2]

3.8.2 Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data from the SEMIEDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of Serina Kaolin-A can be found in (Table 3.26) and 0 in (Table 3.7). The results of the Rational analysis of Serina Kaolin-A can be found in (Table 3.28).

NOTE: There is no micrograph of Serina Kaolin A (Fig 3.45) as the surface of the clay becam "charged up", by the electron beam, in spite of the precautions taken, making it tmpossible to focu on the surface of the sample.(2.3.1)

SERINA₀

Magnification X 2000

There is no sintering of the surface. The material is truly refractory

Platelets are evident in the clay structure.

The data in Table 3.28 is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.8:3 **Clay Properties**

3.8.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.8.3.2 Colour

3.8.3 3 Particle Size

2 microns is the upper grain -size limit for materials to be classified as clay[2) 2.4.2.3

3.8.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation

Serina kaolin is mined and supplied by Serina (Pty) Ltd.

The kaolin is pure and refractory and easily beneficiated as the impurities are large enough to sieve out. The clay content is 92.63%.(Table 4.3) Serina Kaolin falls the closest of the clays tested to the theoretical composition of kaolinite:-

Si02.46.54 A1203 39.50 H20. 13.96 Composition otsenna Kaolin:- Si02 . 47.43 AI203 . 38.04 LOI . 12.05

The shrinkage of Serina is low after the water of plasticity is removed (FIG.3.48)

The absorption curve does not approach the 0 line as the material is exceedingly refractory and retains absorbency. The peak at the largest value in the particle size valuation is below 10pm.

Serina kaolin is the most suitable material for whitewares and porcelain but is not always readily available. UNIVERSITY

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KAOLIN

3.9 S. KAOLIN

3.9.1 Origin and Mineralogy

The deposit of S. Kaolin is in the Mossel Bay district on the farm Rondeheuwel.

The material consists mainly of kaolinite with some quartz and mtca.PI

3.9.2. Clay Analysis

The Ultimate and Rational analyses were carried out using the data collected on the SEM IEDAX (2.5.1) (Appendix D). The results of the Ultimate analysis of S-Kaolin-A can be found in (Table 3.29) and D in (Table 3.30). the results of the Rational analysis of S-Kaolin Acan be found in (Table 3.31

SKAOLIN

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen.

S KAOLIN D

Magnification X 2000

The individual hexagonal flat platelets can be seen. The separate particles that appear on the surface do not differ in composition from the main body of material.

The data in Table 3.3 t is the result of the Rational Analysis calculation $(Table 2.4)$

3.9.3 Clay Properties

3.9.3.1 Water Absorption and Linear Shrinkage

3.9.3.2 Colour

SKAOLIN

Photograph of S KAOLIN fired to the selected temperatures. The change in colour can be clearly seen.

The colour at 1100° C (C) is the palest.

3.9.3 3 Particle Size

3.9.4 Summary and Preliminary evaluation.

S Kaolin is, a refractory material that begins to flux at 1000° but is far from vitrification at 1200° Craters appear in the surface as the material begins to flux.(Fig 3.51)

S Kaolin is a white material with very little plasticity when blended into a clay body (Table 3.37) The peak at the largest value in the particle size valuation is at 20pm indicating that the particles are generally of a larger diameter than the other clay materials.

S Kaolin is closer to a pure kaolin than G1 Kaolin but not as pure as Serina kaolin.

S Kaolin is suitable as the kaolin component in a clay body but is no longer obtainable.

3.10.1 Clay body Analysis.

3.10.1.1 Plasticity.

As a final comparative technique the nine clay materials chosen were combined with feldspar and .silica in a known proportion and formed into clay bodies (2.3.3). The reason for this final comparison is that clay is seldom used in its found state but rather blended to form a required body for use in the studio (1.1). As stated in the introduction to this Chapter, the Ultimate analysis and the Rational analysis of the Clay bodies appear in Chapter 4

(Table 3.32) is compiled from the information obtained from three potters, each represented by a symbol $(x, 0, 0)$ in the table. The clay bodies were prepared as described (2.3.3) and tested (2.4.2.2.) Each potter was given 500gms. of each of the prepared clay bodies which were thrown on the wheel and assessed for plasticity and workability. This is qualitative information as there is no definitive method of measuring plasticity but the information is never-the-Iess valuable as the experience of the potters chosen is considerable and the information can be comparatively applied.

> The two clays identified by all three potters as being particularly plastic and easy to throw were A-clay and Western Province ball clay.

> Moss clay was placed on the chart as being between Good and Excellent.

813 and PXX were similarly placed above OK but not outstanding.

C-clay was low on the scale as a plastic throwing clay possibly due to the low Alumina content in the clay material. (Table 4.2)

The three kaolins were understandably low in plasticity as the larger particles found in kaolins lower the plasticity and the green strength of a clay body. [4]

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CHAPTER 4

CORRELATION OF INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

The tables presented in this chapter include correlations of the results in Chapter 3 as well as additional tables prepared to assistin the comparison of the nine chosen clay materials and the "clay bodies" and thereby to identify the similarities and differences.

4.1 **ULTIMATE ANALYSIS**

The information inTables 4.1 and 4.2 is compared in Tables 4.1 a and 4.2a in order to simplify the choice of clay to be used in a clay body. The tables show the Ultimate Analyses of the clay materials and the clay bodies. The proportion of the materials blended in a clay body can be adjusted using the INSIGHT software programme (2.6), andthe Data Base.

> 1) The silica and alumina ratings show the clays in order according to the quantities of silica and alumina present in the bodies.

> The amount of silica is an indirect indication of the behavior of the final clay body. Part of the Si02 becomes available as amorphous Si02 when clay breaks down, while Si02 as quartz is more refractory because of the larger particle size. In earthenware clay it can be considered a filler.

> AI203 forms mulliteand takes part in the glassy phase of the clay vitrification process. The quantity of alumina can be used as an indication of the clayfraction in the Rational Analysis.

> 2) The Fe+Ti givesthe total of these two materials which must be lessthan 2% when combined in a white clay body, Although the titanium is itself almost White, it enhances the staining power of the iron causing the clay body to be off-white. With the addition of silica and feldspar, or any other filler, to a clay body the proportion of the $Fe + Ti$ is reduced. The result of this can be seen when comparing Table 4.2 (Clay material) with table 4.3 (Clay body).

3) The value of total fluxes is important to determine the vitrification and the thermal expansion of clay bodies. The thermal expansion of the clay materials is theoretically calculated by means of the Data Base.(Table 2.6)

4) The total of the secondary fluxes or alkali earth oxides gives information on the type of flux present in the clay. These fluxes are important for throwing clays as they can affect plasticity by altering the structure of the pore water layer[6!. The Ca reacts with the silica forming a glass at a relatively low temperature and thereby lowering the fluxing point of the clay body.

4.2 **RATIONAL ANALYSES**

The Rational analysis of the ball clays and kaolins is shown in Table 4.3 and the Rational analysis of the claybodies in Table 4.4.

The variation in the quantities of component materials can be clearly seen. The comparison of the clays illustrates the importance of knowing this information before substituting one clay material for another in order to retain the required proportions of Clay substance, Free silica and Feldspar or Mica in a clay body. Comparisons such as these are useful when deciding on the claymaterial to be included in a claybody. The recipe for the clay body can be calculated using the Insight programme and the calculations in the Data base. By adjusting the quantities of the various materials the proportions can be maintained.

In this project both the Feldspar and the Mica convention have been used for the assessment of the clay materials because the mineralogy of the clays had not been established directly. It could havebeen established by X-Ray diffraction if funds had been available. The mineralogical evaluations of the clay materials are referenced from scientific publications specialising in thistechnique. [2][5][15][16).

The Feldspar convention is referred to in the discussion as it ls the convention most frequently used in the studio situation, but the calculations based on both conventions are installed in thedatabase.

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4.3 **SHRINKAGE ANDABSORPTION**

The information shown in (Fig.4.1 and 4.2) was collated from the results of the shrinkage and absorption experiments (ChapterS) (Appendix C).The values for the individual clays materials are shown in the charts in the clay characterisation section. (Chapter3)

The clay bodies were submitted to the same test procedure as the clay materials and the results are presented in (Fig.4.3 and 4.4). The purpose of these clay body tests is to illustrate the changes that occur when materials are blended.

The linear shrinkage of the clay materials (Table 4.1) follows a shrinkage "pattern", with the wet to dry shrinkage being between 5% and 12% at 100 0° (in fact the samples were dried to 11OOC to ensure that the pore water had been driven off) and the shrinkage at 1200° falling between 12.5% and 22.5%. The three kaolins show the least shrinkage and the most plastic of the clays (A-clay and WPBC) (Table 3.32) show the greatest shrinkage.

In comparison the linear shrinkage of the clay bodies (Table 4.3) shows B13 Ball clay with the highest shrinkage followed by the remainder of the ball clays. Serena and Skaolin predictably show the least shrinkage as they have a high clay substance level.(Table 4.5). The percentage linear shrinkage of the clay bodies, ranging between 9% and 16% at 12000C , is considerably lower than the clay materials shrinkage due to the silica and feldspar which act as fillers at this temperature. The shrinkage of the clay bodies is slightly less at the lower temperatures than that of the clay materials.

The tables of %water absorption show the wt.% water in a fired sample after boiling for 5 hours as described in Chapter 2. The porosity of ceramic materials is an .lndlcatlon of the state of flux that the body reached in the firing process. This can range from a highly porous earthenware to a totally vitrified porcelain with 0% absorption. The % water absorption is dependent on the composition of the material and the temperature of the firing.

The water absorption pattern (FIG. 4.2) of the clay materials fall into three distinct zones which are repeated in the clay body absorption charts (Fig 4.4) but with changes in the participant clays.

The clay material zones are:-

1) PXX clay and the 813 clay fluxing below1000 0 C.

2) the rest of the ball clays and the G1 Kaolin fluxing below 1200° C,

3)Serena andS- kaolins not approaching the fluxing point.

In comparison the clay bodyzones are:-

1) WP8C and Mossclay with 5%absorbency at 11OOOC andslightly less at 12000C.

2) the remainder of the ball clays plus G1 Kaolin ranging from 12%-17% absorption at 11OOOC and between 0%-5% at 12000C.

3) Serena and S-Kaolin not approaching the fluxing point.

4.4 **PARTICLE SIZE**

The particle size of the nine chosen clay materials was tested using the laser diffraction method on a Malvern "Microsizer" by courtesy of Prof. Moys, Dept. Chemical Engineering, Univ. of Witwatersrand. The data sheets and charts can be found in Appendix C.

It should be noted that particle size analysis is dependent on several parameters such as type of dispersant, method of analysis etc. and should be seen as a comparative method of assessing clay materials.

Particle size is of great importance to the plasticity of clay materials. As has been discussed in (1.2) a mix of particle sizes in a clay body gives the best plasticity as the packing density of the particles improves as does the green strength.

The following chart shows three series of data selected from the Malvern data sheets.

Fig 4.5 shows the % particles less than *2pm* equivalent size diameter (e.s.d.) giving the percentage clay in the material. \mathbb{R}^2 This is a geological size division of particles and the results should be seen as a comparative assessment of clay materials.

Fig 4.6 shows the peak of the particle size distribution chart giving the size of the particles that are present in the clay material in the highest percentage.

Fig 4.7 Shows the specific surface area in square meters of one gram of clay material. The smaller the average particles are the larger the surface area will be. -

FIG. 4.5

PARTICLE SIZE CHARTS

4.5 Fig shows the percentage particles less than 2um in size. This can be used to compare the quantity of colloidal particles present in the clay material.

Fig 4.6 gives an indication of the proportion of the coarser particles in the clay material. The chart shows the size of the particles present in the largest proportion.

Fig 4.7 gives an indication of the overall fineness of the material.

FIG 4.6

4.5 **DISCUSSION**

The charts and tables presented in this chapter can be compared and analysed, giving both qualitative and quantitative information on the properties of the nine clay materials and claybodies.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ For a clay body to be of use to a ceramist, whether a manufacturer or a studio potter, the required properties of the body must be considered. For instance, in the Ceramic Division, TWR, two types of whiteware are required:

> 1) a body for decorative art wares and fancy tableware. These wares frequently need more than a bisque firing followed by a glaze firing. Often a second glazefiring as well as a lustre or on-glaze firing is needed for the desired glaze effectand a non-vitrified body is necessary to prevent dunting in the last firing. The clay should be plastic in order to be thrown and have good green strength in order that the final surface treatment can be performed without fear of breaking. The choice of clays for inclusion in such a body should not approach the vitrification point at the regularfiring temperature of the studio (1186°C) and should have a low silica content to avoid dunting. The ware should be white in order to enhance the colours applied to the surface. **JOHANNESBURG**

> 2) a body for production wares that complies with the requirements for whitewares. The ware should be just short of vitrification at the chosen firing temperature in order to give mechanical strength and the body I glaze fit should be good to prevent delayed crazing. This body should be plastic for quick production throwing and preferably be compatible with a slip-ware body in order that sets, combining the two techniques, can be produced. (This thesis does not cover the SUbject of slipcasting bodies, but the information can be used for their assessment).

In both these cases, as in most others, the properties of workability and plasticity, colour, firing range and vitrification of the ware are of prime importance. It must be noted that any clay bodycan be formulated using the information supplied in this Data Base.

The information gained from the plasticity tests performed on the clay bodies shows that A Clayand Western Province Ball Clay (WPBC) are consistently the most plastic and easy to throw: On the particle size charts both these clays show a fair percentage of particles less than 2fJm in size and a peak of particle size distribution at 20fJm indicating a wide range of particle sizes.

If the similarities between these two clays are followed, it shows that they have the lowest % of total fluxes of all the chosen clays (Table 4.2) and are the lowest in free silica (Table 3.3). Both these clays are also among those with the highest combined iron and titanium content. If these two clays were combined in a white body that has properties as mentioned above(4.5), A-clay, WPBC and other white materials would have to be carefully balanced for the combined iron and titanium content to be less than 2% in order that the final clay body fire white.

The introduction of Moss clay in the place of A-clay would be more suitable for a whiteware body. After firing the clay body samples to 1000° and 1200° there was an indiscernible lightening of the A-clay in spite of the reduction in combined Fe+Ti to 2.53% (Table 4.2) but the WPBC and Moss clay fired considerably lighter at 11OOoC and slightly lighter at 12000C.

UNIVERSITY It should be noted that neither Moss clay nor WPBC are fully fluxed at 1200^{oc} (Fig 4.4) making them useful clays for extending the vitrification range of a clay body without reducing the plasticity as would occur with the addition of kaolin. These two clays had the lowest absorption rate at 11 OOoC making them extremely useful clays for inclusion in whitewares intended to fire at temperatures below 1200° . There seems to be no outstanding factor to explain the. phenomena e.g. excess low temperature fluxes such as Na2D or CaD (Table 4.2).

813 clay shows the highest percentage of colloidal particles of all the clay materials tested (Fig 4.5), and the highest specific surface area (Fig 4.7) but the peak of particle size distribution fell below 5μ (Fig 4.6) caused the body to be sticky to throw on the wheel (Table 3.32. This could be attributed to the fact that the ranqe of particle sizes is too small.

On examination under the microscope 813 clay material appeared fine particled but highly speckled (Fig.3.13). Separate particles of iron, chrome, titanium and calcium were identified which are the probable cause of the characteristic green tinge of 813 at firing temperatures above 1100^0 C. Examination of the fired clay body samples of

this clay show an indiscernible lightening of the clay body after the addition ·of silica and feldspar although the combined Fe+Ti content is $1.n\%$ (Table 4.2).

813 , together with PXX clay, are the most vitrified of the clay materials at 11COoC (Fig.4.2) but with the addition of feldspar and silica to form a clay body the vitrification point was raised considerably (Fig 4.4). PXX is a useful white clay of average plasticity (Table 3.32). The clay fired lighter after the addition of silica and feldspar to the clay body but it is not superlorIn any way and it is doubtful that it should be used in the place of the local clay materials.

As has been stated in Chapter 3, C-Clay is among the whitest of the ball clays tested with a low combined Fe+Ti content of 2.06%(Table 4.1a) but the clay shows a tendency to dilate when combined in a clay body giving the clay body a low rating in the empirical throwing test (Table 3.32). This clay could be. introduced in small quantities to a clay body as a whitener. Neither the shrinkage nor the water absorption rates are excessive.

The addition of kaolin to a clay body is usual to increase the refractory materials and reduce the shrinkage of the clay body. Kaolin will also act to lighten the body. Of the three kaolins tested, Serena is far superior to the other two. As mentioned in Chapter 3 (3.8.4) this kaolin falls the closest of all the materials tested to the theoretical JOHANNESBURG composition of kaolinite.

The silica content in Serena and S-Kaolin is low and high in G1 Kaolin. The fluxes follow the same pattern. S-Kaolin is the third clay material of those tested to exhibit a peak of particle size distribution at 20pm (Fig 4.6) but a low percentage of the fine particles (Fig 4.5) and a low specific surface area (Fig" 4.7) suggest that it is a coarse, non-plastic material.

It is questionable whether G1 Kaolin should be considered a Kaolin or placed with the ball clays. Its analytical similarity to 813 clay is remarkable.

The information that can be gained from the correlation of data as is shown in this chapter, can assist in the choice of clays for specific bodies. For the two bodies outlined above (4.5) the 'choice of clay materials would be Moss clay and WP8C for their colour but more specifically for their fluxing power at 1100^{0} . As has been previously mentioned (1.2) for a body to have strength it should be just short of

vitrification: Both of these clays comply with this requirement. With the addition of Serena kaolin, feldspar and silica, a suitable body could be formulated. The second whiteware body mig.ht need the addition of a secondary flux to bring the fired body closer to vitrification point.

The data base and the comparative tables of clays can be updated with each new batch of clay brought into the studio. In this way the Ceramic Division of the TWR could establish a useful, comprehensive record of the composition and physical properties of the clay materials in use.

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CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

The analyses and tests performed on the nine selected clay materials show the range of properties to be found in a handful of clay materials, a minute sample of all the claysround on Earth.

The clay mining companies and distributors should be able to supply an updated analysis of the clay materials with every batch. supplied.but. It is onty in rare. In stances that this is in fact given, This lack of information was one of the prime reasons for undertaking this research project. The available suppliers analyses can be found in Appendix B. A comparison of the EDAX data and the suppliers analysis shows that there are variations in composition, both greater and smaller. The analysis for Serena Kaolin, the most stable of the clay materials, is almost identical in the two analyses giving validation to the EDAX as an analytical tool. Generally the Al2O3 shows very little variation between the two analyses, the silica shows more but the Iron content and the fluxes vary considerably in percentage composition..

The techniques laid out in thrs.thesls.can be used for testing any clay materials. As has been mentioned, the data should be frequently updated in order to be aware of changes in the composition of the clays in use and thus avert problems before any quantity of ware has been manufactured using material of unknown composition.

The Insight ceramic software programme combined with the ultimate and rational analyses calculations has proved to be efficient and accessible to the students of the Division. As long as the students have available the results from the analyses and the physical tests described here, they may enter them in the programme and "mix" the available clays theoretically, down to the final adjustments, until they obtain the clay body most suited to the type of ware required. This will eliminate the trials and errors of the past and, subsequently, the waste of time and materials.

Alternately, as discussed in detail in section 4.5, the potential of each new clay as a component of clay bodies can be assessed by means of the "Inslqht" programme by simply entering its chemical analyses in the programme and testing all possible recipes of clay bodies including the new clay material. As a result of this project, therefore, it will be much easier now to venture into new recipes.

Another important achievement of this work is that it has lead to a better understanding of the behavior of each clay. As has been discussed in section 4.5,

the behavior can be explained quite consistently in terms of composition and the rational analyses, particle size, fluxing temperature and colour. With further research into other clay materials: a useful body of information can be collected and made available to the students and staff of the Ceramic Division, TWA.

As far as suggestions are concerned, the main one is that the present knowledge of clays should be completed by X-ray diffraction analysis, perhaps in collaboration with another research group, which would lead to knowledge of the mineralogical composition of the clays. This would give another comparative means of assessing the physical properties and workability of the clay materials as well as the ability to determine whether the rational analysis should be based on the feldspar or mica convention.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Rational Analysis

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Example

To Calculate the Rational Analysis of a Clay FELSPAR CoNVENTION

(1) Using this convention it is assumed that the alkalis $(K_{20}$ and Na20) are derived entirely from felspars.

1 molecule $K_{20} \equiv I$ molecule potash felspar

 \equiv K₂₀.AI₂₀₃.6Si₀₂ NESBURG 94 parts $K_{20} \equiv 556$ parts potash felspar 1 part $K_2O \equiv \frac{556}{94}$ parts potash felspar

 $= 5.92$ potash felspar or orthoclase

A similar calculation for soda spar (albite)

Na20.AI203·6Si02

yields a factor of 8·45. However, it is coinmon practice to take the sum of the percentage of K20 and Na20 and to use the factor of 5·92 to convert these oxides to mineral felspar. This treatment should only be applied to clays when the total alkalis are small $(2-4\%)$ and the amount of K_{20} is approximately twice the Na20 content.

Considering the ultimate analysis quoted at the beginning of the chapter,

 $(K20 2.35 + Na20 1,05) = 3.40$ total alkali content 3·4Ox5·92 = 20'13% felspar

(2) (a) 1 molecule K20.AI203.6Si02 ≡ 1 molecule AI203 $556 = 102$ 1 part felspar $\equiv \frac{102}{556}$ parts AI₂₀₃ $= 0'183$ AI203 $20'13xO'183 = 3.68$ parts AI203 in felspar *(b)* Similarly, 556 felspar \equiv 6x60 Si0₂ 1 felspar $\equiv \frac{360}{556}$ SiO₂ $= 0'647 \text{ SiO}_2$ $20.13xO·647 = 13.02$ parts $SiO₂$ in felspar

(3) Total Al₂O₃ = 20.20 (ref. ultimate analysis)
\n-. Al₂O₃ in felspar = -3,68
\n16.52 = Al₂O₃ in clay substance
\n1 molecule Al₂O₃ = 1 molecule Al₂O₃'2SiO₂'2H₂O
\n102 = 258
\n1 part Al₂O₃ =
$$
\frac{258}{102}
$$
 parts clay substance
\n= 2'53 clay substance
\n. . . $16.52x2.53 = 41.79\%$ clay substance
\n(4) 1 molecule Al₂oi.2SiO₂.2H₂O = 2 molecules SiO₂
\n258 = 2x60
\n1 clay substance = $\frac{120}{258}$ SiO₂
\n= 0.465 SiO₂
\n= 0.465 SiO₂
\nSiO₂ in clay substance = 41.79xO.465
\n= 19-43% SiO₂ in clay substance
\nFree quartz = Total SiO₂
\n- (SiO₂ in clay substance-l-SsOs in felspar)
\n= 61'30-(19,43+13'02)
\n= 28.85 % free quartz

Summary

Total alkalis x $5.92 = \frac{96}{6}$ felspar FelsparxO'183 = $\overline{A1203}$ in felspar FelsparxO'647 = Si02 in felspar
(Total Al203-Al203 in felspar) x 2-53 = $\frac{\%}{}$ elay substance Clay substance \times 0-465 = $\frac{\sin 2 \text{ in}}{\cos 2 \text{ in}}$ Total Si02-(Si02 in clay+Si02 in felspar) = $\frac{N}{2}$ quartz

Further information can be obtained from the percentage loss-onignition. The first step is to calculate the loss due to the chemically combined water in the clay molecule.

1 molecule A1203'2SiO₂.2H20 = 2 molecules H20

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\begin{array}{r}\n258 = 2 \times 18 \\
36 \\
1 \text{ part } \text{clay} = 258 \text{ parts water} \\
= 0.140 \text{ part water} \\
41.78 \times 0.140 = 5.83 \text{ loss due to H20 in clay molecule} \\
\text{(Total loss-loss due to H20 in clay)} = \text{loss due to organic matter, CO2, etc.} \\
(10'90 - 5.83) = \frac{5.07\% \text{ loss due to organic matter}}{\text{matter, CO2, etc.}}\n\end{array}
$$

MICA CONVENTION

. .. The mica convention is concerned with the minerals . potash mica (K20.3AI203.6Si02.2H20) and soda mica (Na20.3AI203.6Si02.2H20) Using the ultimate analysis from the previous example: (1) 1 molecule $K20 \equiv 1$ molecule $K20.3A1203.6Si02.2H20$ $94 = 796$ 1 part K20 $\equiv \frac{796}{94}$ parts mica 1 part K₂₀ = 8.47 parts potash mica Similarlythe factor for converting Na20 content to soda mica = $12^{3}32$. $K20 = 2'35\%$ (ref. ultimate analysis) $2.35x8.47 = \text{potash mica} = 19.91\%$ and $1.05x 12.32 =$ soda mica - 12.93% (2) 1 molecule potash mica \equiv 3 molecules AI203 $796 \equiv 306$ 306 $1 = \frac{796}{9}$ 1 part potash mica \equiv O'384 parts AI203 $19.91 \text{xO} \cdot 384 = 7.64 = \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ in potash mica 1 molecule potash mica \equiv 6 molecules $\overline{SiO2}$ $796 \equiv 6x60$ $\frac{360}{1}$ 1 part potash mica = 0.452 parts Si 0_2 | \Box :. $19.91 \text{ xO} \cdot 452 = 9.00 = \text{SiO2}$ in potash mica Similarlyfor soda mica: $12.93 \times 0.400 = 5.17 = \text{Al}_2(3)$ in soda mica $12.93 \times 0.471 = 6.09 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac$ (3) TotalAI \mathcal{D} 3(ref.ultimate analysis) = 20.20 $-AI_{203}$ inmicas(7'64+5'17) = $-12,81$ AI203 in claysubstance $=$ 7.39 7.39 x 2.53= 18.69% claysubstance (4) $SiO₂$ in clay = 18.69xO.465 = 8.69 Si02 in clay+Si02 in micas = $(8'69+9'00+6.09)$
=23,78 :. Free quartz = $61.30 - 23.78 = 37.52\%$ The final rational analysis is: Potash mica 19.9 Soda mica 12.9

v substance 18.7 Clay substance 18.7
Quartz 37.5 Quartz 37.5
Ference 6.9 Organic matter, C02, etc., by difference 6.9
Fe203 3.4 Fe203 3.4
Ti02 0.2 Ti02 0·2
MgO 0·2 MgO 0·2 $c\bar{S}O$ Summary $K20x8.47 =$ potash mica Na20x $12.32 = \text{soda mice}$ Potash mica $XO'384 - \overline{AJ_2O_3}$ in potash mica Potash micaxO· $\frac{452}{302}$ = $\frac{8102}{30}$ potash mica Soda micaxO'400 = $AI203$ in soda mica Soda micax O -471 = Si O_2 in soda mica (Total AI203-Al203 in micas) $X 2'53 = \text{clay substance}$

.Clay substancex $O'465 -$ sio2 in clay

Total $SiO_{2-(SiO2)}$ in clay+SiO₂ in micas) = Free quartz

APPENDIX B

Chemical Analy\$es supplied by the distributors

APPENDIXC

RESULTS OF THE PHYSICAL TESTS

Loss On Ignition

Water of plasticity; Linear shrinkage; Water absorption.

CLAY MATERIAL

CLAY BODIES

1200 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 15 | 15

A clay

MALVERN MSTERSIZER S2.81 Date 81-81-1980 Time 81:34

SAMPLE NO: 1 - AC

8 13 8 all clay

C-Clay

MAINERN KASTERSIZER S2.01 Date 01-01-1980 TiMe 00:24

SAMPLE NO: 3 - CCLAY

Instrument

Moss Clay

PXX ball clay

MANERN MSTERSIZER S2.01 Date 01-01-1980 Time 00:34

SAMPLE NO: 4 - PXX

Western Province Ball Clay

G1 Kaolin

SAMPLE NO: 9 - 61 K

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Serena Kaolin

MAINERN MSTERSIZER S2.01 Date 01-01-1980 Time 01:04

SAMPLE NO: 7 - SER·

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S-Kaolin

MANERN MSTERSIZER S2.IU Date 81-81-1980 Time 81:14

SAMPLE NO: 8 - S K

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APPENDIX D

SEMIEDAX

Standards used for EDAX analysis.

Explanation of ZAF correction

Z .The atomic number correction is required on account of two phenomena - electron backscattering and electron retardation, both of which depend on the average atomic number of the sample. If there is a difference between the average atomic number of the sample and that of the standard, an atomic number correction is necessary.

Variables affecting the Z correction are: operating voltage, take off angle and the mass absorption factor for the element of interest.

A The absorption correction is required since the x-rays produced by the electron beam are created at some non-zero depth in the sample, and they must pass through the sample on the way to the detector. On this journey, some of the X-rays undergo absorption due to interactions with the atoms of the various elements in the sample. Thus the intensity of the X-ray radiation finally reaching the detector is reduced in magnitude.

Variables affecting the A correlation are : respective mass absorption coefficients, the critical excitation voltage Ec for K, Land M radiation from the element and the mean atomic number and mean atomic weight of the sample.

F The fluorescent correction is necessary if the energy of the X-ray peak from one element is sufficient to excite X-rays secondarily from another element. Thus more X-rays from the second element are generated than would have been produced by electron excitation alone.

CLAY MATERIAL ANALYSES

The stoichiometric analyses of the nine selected clay materials are presented in this section. The ATOM% column of the EDAX analysis was entered into the Ultimate analysis data base calculation (Chapter2).The Ultimate analysis for each clay material was entered into the Rational analysis data base calculation. The results of all three analyses are included in this appendix.

$A-CLAY$

Sample A 1

Specimen spectrum, **FILENAME: ACD'l** ACD1 $LIVETIME(Spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES AREA** 1.6 84.06 114853 TOTAL AREA= 287104 $1.1.1.1.1$ FIT INDEX= $-8\frac{1}{2}$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) Nak. $\overline{2}$ -185 .087 MaK $\overline{2}$ $.426$ $•'109$ AIK $\overline{2}$ 24.0'10 $.187$ Sik $\overline{2}$ 23.730 $•'14'1$ $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ K K $'1.463$.065 \mathbb{R}^2 CaK .792 $.056$ UNIVERSITY TiK. $\overline{2}$ 1.537 $.077$ MnK $\overline{2}$ \cdot 07'1 $*$ < 2 Sigma* .044 FeK $\overline{2}$ 2.737 -113 **JOHANNESBURG** S K .360 $.044$ θ \ldots [3 ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV $TILT=$ $.00$ ELEV=40.00 AZIM= $.00$ COSINE=1.000 Spectrum: ACD1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT ZAF** ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** %ELMT $.133$ $\overline{2}$ $Na2O1$ $.198$.004 NaK .987 $•'147$ -334 $'1.005$.009 MaK $\overline{2}$.284 $Mg'101$.553 38.247 .933 $AIK :: 2$ 20.241 15.550 A1203 .492 Si102 52.59'1 $\overline{2}$ $'18.140$ $•57't$ SiK .759 24.585 $\overline{2}$ $.99'1$ 1.161 $.6'15$ K 201 $'1.399$ $.0'19$ K K \bar{z} $.0'10$ $.327$ Ca'10'1 .885 CaK .985 .632 TiK $\overline{2}$.985 $'1.227$ $.53'1$ **Ti102** 2.047 $.0'17$ $.040 .05'1$.000 $MnK = 2$ $.015$ Mn'10'1 .875 .896 $Fe₂₀₃$ $3.45'1$.028 FeK 2 .892 $2.4'14$ S 101 .578 .008 S K $\overline{0}$.733 .386 .249 $L_1 8.8 34$ 63.260 2.000 $0¹$ $\overline{0}$.000 100.001 $'1.162$ **TOTAL** 100.001 '100.000

 $A - CLAY$

SampleA2

 $A - CLAY$

Sample 02

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS TABLES

A-CLAY

RATIONAL ANALYSIS TABLE

A-CLAY

813 Ball Clav

Sample 1 A1

CO calibration. FILENAME:SC01 SCO1 200 $1/P =$ $LIVETIME=$ 2434 CDS **ENERGY RES AREA** \cdot 3 85.81 112178 159.88 6923.2 210775 TOTAL AREA= 486828 GF= 49.991 FILENAME:813A1 FILE DOES NOT EXIST Specimen spectrum. Spectrum from Analyser, File or Real-time processor: Filel ?S
Specimen spectrum, FILENAME:S813A1 **SB13A1** $L.IVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY AREA RES** $.4$ 84.16 115484 TOTAL AREA= 279523 FIT $INDEX =$ $.59$ APP.CONC ELMT ERROR(WT%) $\mathbb Z$ **NaK** $.057$ $.052* < 2$ Sigma* MoK $\overline{2}$.398 .067 **UNIVERSITY** $\overline{2}$ AIK $1'1.034$ $.112$ $-$ OF $-$ Sik $\overline{2}$ $.106$ 22.3'17 **JOHANNESBURG** K K $\overline{2}$ 1.744 $.048$ 2 $.452$ CaK .035 Tik $\overline{2}$ $.044$ $.494$ MmK 2 $-.029$ $.044* < 2$ Sigma*. $'1.174$ $\bar{2}$ FeK .065 \lfloor \angle ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV $TII.T=$.00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 Spectrum: SB13Al L.ast elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT ZAF** %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE FORMULA .998 **NaK** $\overline{2}$.067 .060 Na20'1 .090 .002 .455 MgK $\overline{2}$ 1.014 .385 Ma101 .754 $.0'12$ $"10.370"$ Al203 $A1K$ $\overline{2}$.940 13.601 25.699 .324 Sik $\overline{2}$.824 3'1.353 22.961 Si102 67.07'1 $.717$.985 $'1.079$ K K $\boldsymbol{2}$ 2.050 K 201 2.470 .034 $\overline{2}$ CaK .975 .538 $.276$ $Ca[']10[']1$ $.752$.009 Tik \overline{c} .978 $.25'1$ Ti102 .976 .585 .008 $\overline{2}$.000 MnK $.87'1$.000 Mn"10'1 .000 .000 $\overline{2}$ 2.'188 .889 $'1.531$ $.56't$ Fe203 FeK $.0'18$ $0 K$ Ω $.000$ 49.82"1 64.055 2.000 $"100.000$ $'1. '122$ **TOTAL** 100.00'1 100.00'1

B13 Ball Clay

Sample 1 A2

S13 Sail Clay

Sample 1 01

B13BallClay

Sample 102

 CO calibration, FILENAME:SC02 LIVETIME= 200 $1/P$ = 1790 cps ENERGY AREA **RES** 83.94 1.1 113661 6929.7 157.86 154713 TOTAL AREA= 358002 GF=' 50.032 FILENAME:SB13D2 Specimen spectrum, $LIVETIME(spec.) = 200$ **RES ENERGY** AREA 82.72 116571 1.2 TOTAL AREA= 220938 FIT INDEX $=$.47 APP. CONC ERROR(WT%) **ELMT** MgK 2 .112

AIK 2 .348

SiK 2 .326

K K :,2 .326

Cak $.112$.061* $<$ 2 Sigma* .080 128 127 UNIVERSITY $\frac{1.817}{2.270}$ CaK $\frac{1}{2}$ $.059$ **JOHANNESBURG** $\overline{2}$ $.665"$ **TiK** $.054$ \bar{z} $.052* < 2$ Sigma^{*} $-.045$ **MnK** FeK 2
C1K : 0
S K 1 0
C 2 ZAF'SJ 1.256 .078 .034 $.134 .339$ $.035$ 20."00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 Spectrum: Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED XOXIDE **FORMULA** ATOM.X **XELMT ELMT** ZAF $.171$ $.004$ $.114$ Na201 $.127$.982 NaK 2 .010 $.640$ Mg101 MgK 2 1.000
AIK 2 .932 .386 .330 .288 932 11.903
839 30.855 22.491 A1203 9.171 $.716$ 66.005 22.834 Si102 $\overline{2}$ SiK 2.451 K 201 $.034$ K K : 2 .991 2.034 1.082 $.042$ $Ca101$ 3.606 1,337 CaK $= 2$ 2.577 .977 $.010$ 1.265 . .758 .329 Ti102 $TiK - 2$.973 $\begin{array}{c}\n\overline{\text{MnK}} & \mathbf{2} \\
\overline{\text{FeK}} & \mathbf{2} \\
\overline{\text{ClK}} & \mathbf{0}\n\end{array}$.000 $000.$ $.000$ $Mn101$ $.000$.870 $.888$ $.570$
705 $.018$ $.584'$ Fe203 2.245 $'.003$ $.795$ $.110$ $C1102$.357 .188 .010 S 101 .767 $,332$.735 .511 $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ SK. 2.000 63.777 49.087 $0 K \cdot 0$.000 99.996 1,136 99.996 100.000 **TOTAL**

B13 Ball Clay

Sample 2 A1

Specimen spectrum, FILENAME: 8'13A'l **B13A1** $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES AREA** 1.6 84.52 117692 TOTAL AREA= 162748 Peak at 2.60 keV omitted? FIT INDEX= $.37$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) NaK. $\overline{2}$.070 .049* < 2 Sigma* MgK. 2° .248 $.06'1$ \mathbb{R}^+ 8.'192 AIK. .106 Sik $\overline{2}$ 11.423 .097 K K 2 $'1.472$.048 $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ CaK $.305$ $.035$ $\frac{1}{2}$ TiK .406 $.045$ MnK 2 .040 \cdot 046* < 2 Sigma* FeK \tilde{z} $'1.0$ Lt3 $.068$ $.C \n2 ZAF'SJ$ **UNIVERSITY** 20.00 kV $TLT =$.00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= 5.00 COSINE='1.000

Spectrum: B13A1

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

B13 Ball Clay

Sample 2 A2

B13 Ball Clay

Sample 2 02

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 $\overline{2}$

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.992

.979

.976

.871

.888

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2.063

1.883

1.'135

 1.570

49.270

.031

99.997 '100.000

K K

CaK

TiK

MnK

FeK

 $0 K$

TOTAL

1.094

.974

 $.491$

.012

.583

63.867

 K 201

Ca'10'1

Ti'102.

 $Mn10¹$

Fe203

2.485

2.634

 $'1.893$

2.244

99.997

.040

.034

.031

 $.0'15$

.000

 $.0'18$

2.000

 $'1. '131$

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

813 Ball Clay.

ULTIMATE ANALVSIS

B13 Ball Clay .

RATIONAL ANALYSIS

813 8a/l Clay .

G-Clay

Sample A1

The data in Sample A1 and A2 was calculated using the Apparent concentration and not the stoichiometric analyses. The oxide weight was calculated for each molecule of material in the analysis and the total brought to a percentage.

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EDAX ANALYSIS

$e-c/ay$

SampleA2

C-Clay

Sample 01

2.000

 $'1.108$

100.002

EDAX ANALYSIS

C-Clay

TOTAL

Sample D₂

 100.002 100.000

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

c-Clay

RATIONAL ANALVSIS

C-Clay

Masse/sy

Sample A1

The data in Sample A1 and A2 was calculated using the Apparent concentration and not the stoichiometric analyses. The oxide weight was calculated for each molecule of material in the analysis and the total brought to a percentage.

.036

.949 FeK 2.883 $.8'11$ 44.'105 100.000 **TOTAL**

 $.031$

MnK

 $\overline{2}$

.861

Masse/sy

SampleA2

Moss Clay

Sample 01

CO calibration, . FILENAME: SCO'l LIVETIME= $200 I/P = 1908 \text{cps}$ **ENERGY RES** AREA $.8$ 113346 84.26 6929.5 158.72 165794 TOTAL AREA= 381636 GF= 50.033 --------₋-----------------------Specimen spectrum, **FILENAME: SMD'l** $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 ENERGY **RES** AREA 83.37 116150 \cdot .9 TOTAL AREA= 232820 FIT INDEX= 3.33 **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) $.226$ NaK 2° .064 .078 $\overline{2}$ MaK $.177$ $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ $A1K$ $'13.964'$ $• 137$ UNIVERSITY $\frac{2}{2}$ Sik. 19.755 $.116$ $-OF K/K$ 3.007 $.064$
 $.038*²$ Sigma* $\mathbf{2}$ CaK $.011$ $\mathbf{2}$ Tik .808 .055 $.552$ MnK 2° .063 $\overline{2}$ Fer .953 .074 \cdots [3 ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1 .000

Spectrum:

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

Masse/sy

Sample D₂

 $\bullet \bullet \textsf{C}$ 2 ZAF'SJ

20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 Spectrum:

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

Moss Clay

RATIONAL ANALYSIS

Moss Clay

Pxx Ball Clay.

Sample A1

CO calibration, FILENAME:SC02 PXXA1 LIVETIME= 200 $l/P = 1650$ cps ENERGY **RES** AREA 1.2 88.54 113706 6929.6 158.13 141690 TOTAL AREA= 329915 GF= 50.030 Specimen spectrum, FILENAME: PXXA'l **PXXA'l** $LIVETIMECspec.$ = 200 **ENERGY RES** AREA 86.45 1.4 117266 TOTAL AREA= 178083 FIT INDEX $= .50$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERRORCWT%) Nak 2

MgK 2 .288

AIK 2 14.790

Sik 2 17.843

2 1.942

1.942

1.39 $\frac{.068*}{.084}$ < 2 Sigma* $\overline{}$ OF – $•119$ K K $\frac{2}{2}$
Ca K $\frac{2}{2}$ **JOHANNESBURG** \bigcirc 0.59 $.139$.039 .544 Tik $\overline{2}$ $.053$ $\overline{2}$ $.052*$ < 2 Sigma* MnK $-.016$ FeK $\overline{2}$.586 .068 \cdots [3 ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 SpectrLlm: PXXA1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED ZAF. %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** $ELMT$. $•'109$ $2'1.023$ $.122$ Na201 $.164$.003 NaK. 2 1.032 $.283$ Mg'10'1 .556 .009 Mak $.335$ 18.665 14.203 $A₁₂₀₃$ 35.269 .448 \mathbb{R}^2 .952 AlK. 58.676 $.632$ 2 .781 27.429 20.046 Si'102 SiK 2^{986} K 20'1 2.849 2.365 1.242 .039 K/K 2 .974 $.088$ $Ca1O1$.240 .003 CaK $.172$ Tik 2 .7.
 $x - 2$.872
 $x - 2$.872
 $x - 8$ $Ti102$ $'1. '114$ $.668$.286 .009 $.000$ $Mn10¹$ $.000$ $.000$.000 FeK .889 .792 $.29'1$ Fe203 1.132 .009 $0 K 0$ $.000$ 49.452 63.452 2.000 1.'152 **TOTAL** $'100.000$ 100.000 100.000

Pxx Ball Clay

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.889

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 $.608$

 $.040'$

100.000 '100.000

.802

49.378

TiK.

 MnK

FeK

 $0 K$

TOTAL

SampleA2

 $.26'1$

 $.015$

.295

63.393

Ti'102

 $Min101$

Fe203

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 $'1.'147$

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.052

 $.008$

.000

.009

2.000

 $'1. '155$

Pxx Ball Clay

Sample 0 1

CO calibration, FILENAME:SC02 $LIVERIME=$ 200 $'1/P = 1616$ cps **ENERGY RES AREA** 1.5 86.12 113918 6929.2 158.96 138934 TOTAL AREA= 323234 GF= 50.025 Specimen spectrum, FILENAME:PXXD **PXXD** $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES** AREA 1.3 82.91 116118 226015 TOTAL AREA= FIT INDEX= .52 EI_MT APP.CONC ERROR(WT%)

20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1.000

Spectrum: PXXD

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

Pxx Ball Clay

Sample 02

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

Pxx Ball Clay.

NB The Ca is very high in this spectrum.

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RATIONAL ANALYSIS

Pxx Ball Clay.

Western Province Ball Clay

Sample 1 A 1

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

Western Provin.ce Ball Clay.

Sample 1 A 2

AĪK

Sik

K K

CaK

TiK

MnK

FeK

 $0 K$

TOTAL

 \bar{Z}

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 $\overline{2}$

 $\overline{2}$

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 $\overline{2}$

 $\boldsymbol{0}$

.774

.986

.981

.982

.873

.890

.000,

.335

.555

.079

.400

.000

 $.48'1$

63.707

 $'14.582$

19.794

 $'19.198$

27.'132

1.058

 $.154$

.934

.000

tOO.OOO '100.000

 1.311

49.739

Mg'10'l

A1203

Si102

 K 201

 $Ca101$

Ti102

Ml,'10'l

Fe203

.659

36.276

58.040

 1.275

 $'1.558$

 $'1.875$

100.000

 $.216$

.000

 -011

.458

 $.621$

 $•0'17$

.002

 $.0'13$

.000

 $.0'15$

2.000 $'1. '139$

Western Provin,ce Ball Clay

Sample 2 A 1

20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1.000

Spectrum:

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

Western Province Ball Clay

Samole 2 A₂

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 $\frac{1}{2}$

 $\overline{2}$

 $\boldsymbol{0}$

CaK

TiK

 MnK

FeK

 $0 K$

TOTAL

.982

.983

.873

.890

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 $•169$

 $'1.'1'14$

1.406

49.624

 -112

100.000 100.000

.086

.478

 $.517$

63.687

 $.042.$

Ca'10'1

Ti102

Mn'101

Fe203

.236

1.859

 $.144$

2.010

100.000

.003

 $.0'15$

 $.00'1$

 $.016$

2.000

 $'1.140$

Westem Province Ball Clay

Samle 201

Western Province Ball Clay

Sample 2 02

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

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Western Province Ball Clay I

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

Western Province Ball Clay I

RATIONAL ANALYSIS

Western Province Ball Clay 1

RATIONAL ANALYSIS

Western Provln.ce Ball Clay 1

G1 Kaolin

Sample A 1

Data file values: $SNO = 107.49$ $SN1 = -2.4341$ CO calibration. FILENAME:SC02 LIVETIME= 200 $l/P = 1616$ cps ENERGY **RES** AREA 1.5 86.12 113918 6929.2 158.96 138934 TOTAL AREA= 323234 GF= 50.025 Specimen spectI'um, FILENAME: G1K1 G' ¹ $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES** AREA -1.5 84.69 117157 TOTAL AREA= 181433 FIT INDEX= .53 **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR (WT%) $0.065* < \epsilon$ Sigma* NaK 2° $.105$ $.08'1* < 2$ Sigma* ITY MaK $\overline{2}$ $.125$ 11.692 AĪK $2¹$ $\overline{}$ OF $\overline{}$ ·131 JOHANNESBURG SiK 2'1.926 $\overline{2}$ \mathbb{R}^+ K/K 2.036 $.060$ \blacksquare CaK .084 2 .038 TiK $\overline{2}$ $.2 \cdot 16$.049 $\frac{2}{2}$ MnK $-.0'15$ $.052* \times 2$ -Sigma* .229 FeK $.06'1$ $...E$ 3 ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 Spectrum: GIKI Last, elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT** ZAF %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** $2'1.029$.109 Na201 NaK $.122$ $.165$.003 $.239$.004 MgK 2 1.036 $.144$ $.121$ $Mg101$ 2 .959 14.573 11.028 27.536 AIK A1203 .344 23.1'19 68.044 SiK 2° .824 3'1.808 $Si102$.722 K/K ~ 2 $.98'1$ 1.295 K 201 2.988 2.48'1 $.040$.053 $2^{0.969}$ CaK \cdot '103 $Ca101$.144 .002 2 .974 Ti102 .442 $.265$ $.113$.004 TiK $MnK : 2 .870$ $.000$ $.000$ Mn101 $.000$ $.000$.887 $F eK$ 2 $.113$ $Fe₂₀₃$.442 .004 .309 $.000$ 50. '195 64.050 2.000 $0 K_0 0$ '100.000 100.000 100.000 1.123 TOTAL

G1 Kaolin

SampleA2

FILENAME: G1KA2 Specimen spectrum, G1K1 $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES AREA** 1.4 84.68 117377 TOTAL AREA= 174362 FIT INDEX= .56 **ELMT** ERROR(WT%) APP.CONC NaK. \bar{z} $.064* < 2$ Sigma* .078 $\overline{2}$ Mak $•122$ $.080* < 2$ Sigma* A1K \mathbb{Z}^{\bullet} $1'1.6'13$ $•139$ $\overline{2}$ **SiK** 2'1.405 .129 KK $\overline{2}$ 1.926 .059 \tilde{Z} CaK .077 .037 TiK $\overline{2}$ $.42'1$.050 \mathbb{Z} MnK $.0'18$ $\le 0.050* < 2$ Sigma $*$ FeK $\overline{2}$.255 $.059$ **UNIVERSITY** \cdots [3 ZAF'SJ **JOHANNESBURG** $TILT=$ 20.00 kV .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1.000 Spectrum: G1K1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT** ZAF %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** $2'1.025$ NaK. .093 $.082$ Na201 $.125$ $.003$ $2'1.034$ $.143$ NoK. $•'121$ $Mg'10'1$ $.238$.004 $A1K$ 2 .958 14.692 11.129 $AI203$ 27.76'1 .347 $.822$ $.716$ Sik 2 3'1.542 22.948 Si102 67.475 K K 2 .982 2.376 1.242 K 20'1 2.862 .039 2 $.134$ CaK .970 .096 $.049$ Ca'101 .002 $.223$ TiK $\overline{2}$.975 .524 Ti102 .874 .007 MnK : 2 $.025$ Mn'10'1 .870 .033 .009 .000 .887 FeK $\overline{2}$.348 .'127 Fe203 .498 .004 64.069 $0K$ $.000$ 50.160 2.000 θ $'100.000$ **TOTAL** '100.000 '100.000 $'1. '122$

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Sample 0 1

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G1 Kaolin

Sample D₂

Specimen spectrum, FILENAME: G'ID2 $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES AREA** 85.27 116653 1.6 TOTAL AREA= 210400 FIT INDEX= $.34$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) $\frac{2}{2}$ NaK $.067$ $.068* < 2$ Sigma* $.085* < 2$ Sigma* Mak .099 AIK $\overline{2}$ 12.490 $•'147$ SiK. \bar{z} $•'144$ $27.57 - 6$ KK. \bar{z} 2.269 .063 CaK $\overline{2}$ $.040* \div 2$ Sigma* .067 TiK. $\overline{2}$.330 $.053$ $\overline{2}$ MnK $-.0'13$ $.054* < 2$ Sigma* $.202$ FeK 2° $.063$ \cdots [3 ZAF/SJ UNIVERSITY 20.00 kV $TILT =$.00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1.000 **JOHANNESBURG** Spectrum: Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT** ZAF %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** $2'1.027$.066 NaK. $.058$ Na201 .088 $.002$ $2'1.036$.096 MaK $.08'1$ $Mg10¹$.160 .003 \cdot $13.15'1$ $'9.938$ A1K $.961$ 24.850 A1203 .309 Sik. 2° 33.229 24.119 71.083 .839 Si102 .750 $2.34'1$ K K $2⁷$.980 1.221 K 201 2.820 .038 $\overline{2}$.036 .098 CaK .969 .070 $Ca1O1$ $.00'1 \cdots$ TiK $\overline{2}$.974 .343 $•146$ Ti102 $.57'1$.005 .000 **MnK** $\overline{2}$.870 .000 Mn'101 .000 .000 .230 FeK Fe203 -329 $\overline{2}$.887 .084 .003 2.000 $0 K$ Ω $.000.$ 50.474 64.318 **TOTAL** 100.000 '100.000 100.000 $'1.110$

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

G1 Kaolin

RATIONAL ANALYSIS

G1 Kaolin

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Sample A 1

CO calibration. FILENAME:SC02 LIVETIME= 200 $l/P = 1682$ cps $SC02$ **RES ENERGY** AREA 92.56 1.2 113328 6927.6 164.06 145778 TOTAL AREA= 336374 GF= 50.016 FILENAME: SERD'1 \star SER, A I Specimen spectrum. SERD1 $LIVETIME(spec.) = 200$ **RES ENERGY** AREA 97.64 $.7$ 116341 TOTAL AREA= 128785 FIT INDEX= $.41$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) NaK $0.060* \times 2$ Sigma* $\overline{2}$.047 $\frac{1000}{0.072*}$ < $\frac{1}{2}$ Sigmats ITY $\begin{array}{ccc}\n 2 & .049 \\
 2 & 12.890 \\
 2 & 10.910\n\end{array}$ MaK. A1K. \cdot '132 SiK .095 JOHANNESBURG 2 K/K .689 $.033$ \mathbb{Z}^+ CaK $.031* < 2$ Sigma* Tik $\frac{e}{4\pi}$ -164 $.041$ ~ 2 . MnK $.044* < 2$ Sigma* $-.026$ Fek \mathcal{L}^{\prime} .236 $.053$ $.C. \ \overline{\mathcal{Z}}$ ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=1.000 Spectrum: SERD1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED %ELMT ATOM.% **%OXIDE FORMULA** ZAF ELMT NaK 2 '1.0"1'6 $.078$.069 Na201 $•105$.002 2 '1.05'1 $.08'1$ $.068$
22.968 -17.344 $.068$ Mg-10-1 -134 $.002$ MaK A 1203 43.399 2 .966 .547 A1K - $2, 748$ Si102 53.692 .575 25.099 -18.205 Sik 1.453 KK. 2 .983 $'1.206$.629 K 201 .020 $.08-1$ 2 .977 .029 $Ca-10-1$ $.00-1$ Cak $.058$.-123 Ti102
.000 Mn-101 2 .980 $.289$.482 .004 TiK $.000$.000 2 .873 .000
.457 MnK $•167$ Fe203 FeK 2 .890 .654 $.005$ Fen \leq .000
0 K 0 .000 49.764 63.367 2.000 -100.000 $-1 \cdot -156$ 100.000 -100.0.00 TOTAL

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Sample A2

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Sample 0 1

Spectrum: SERD2

Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED

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Sample 02

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 $= D2$. Specimen spectrum. FILENAME: SERD3 **SERD3** $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 **ENERGY RES AREA** 1.3 90.26 116940 TOTAL AREA= 158706 FIT $INDEX =$ $.46$ **ELMT** APP.CONC ERRORCWT%) NaK \overline{c} .010 $.067* < 2$ Sigma* MaK $\overline{2}$.092 $.08-1* < 2$ Sigma* A1K $\mathbb Z$ -17.083 -150 Sik $\overline{2}$ -13.996 $. -106$ Кĸ 2 .827 .045 CaK $\overline{2}$ $-.006$ $.033* < 2$ Sigma* Tik 2 .350 .046 $.047* < 2$ Sigma* MnK 2 $.0 - 1 - 1$ $.25 - 1$ FeK $\overline{2}$.057 3 ZAF'SJ \cdots UNIVERSITY $TLT =$.00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE=L 000 20.00 kV Spectrum: SERD3 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT ZAF** %ELMT ATOM.% %OXIDE **FORMULA** NaK $2 - 1.046$ $.0 - 12$ $.0 - 1 - 1$ Na20'1 $.016$.000 MgK -1.053 $\overline{2}$ $•116$.097 $Mg10'1$ $•'192$.003 $17.6 - 15$ $A1K$ \overline{c} .966 23.33'1 A1203 44.084 .556 .745 Sik \mathfrak{p} 24.790 -17.977 $Si-102$ 53.030 .567 K K $\overline{2}$.983 -1.110 .578 K 201 1.337 $.0 - 18$ CaK $\overline{2}$.978 000 $.000$ $Ca-10'1$ $.000$.000

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63.379

Ti102

 $Mn10'1$

Fe203

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ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

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RATIONAL ANALVSIS

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FILENAME:SCO'1

EDAX ANALYSIS

CO calibration.

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Sample A 1

GiKi LIVETIME= 200 $I/P =$ $'1639$ cps **ENERGY AREA RES** 1.4 85.71 114300 6928.7 157.71 141292 TOTAL AREA= 327714 GF= 50.022 FILENAME: SKA1 Specimen spectrum, SKA1 200 $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ **ENERGY RES** AREA 84.21' 118427 1.4 TOTAL AREA= 150743 FIT INDEX: .3'1 $ERROR(WT%)$ **ELMT** APP.CONC NaK. $\mathbb Z$ $.071$ $.063* < \mathbb{Z}$ Sigma* $.126$ Mak 2 $.076* < 2$ Sigma* 13.989 $A1K$ 2 $•'140$ Sik $\overline{2}$ $'13.915$.106 **JOHANNESBURG** \bar{z} K K .439 $.042$ $\frac{2}{2}$ $.034* < 2$ Sigma* CaK. .027 TiK -271 .048 $\tilde{\mathbb{Z}}$ **MnK** .095 $.052* < 2$ Sigma* FeK $'1.006$ \mathfrak{D} .074 \blacksquare \blacksquare 20.00 kV TILT= .00 ELEV=40.00 AZIM= .00 COSINE='1.000 Spectrum: SKA1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED **ELMT** %OXIDE **ZAF** %ELMT ATOM.% **FORMULA** 1.015 NaK. 2 .089 Na201 .003 $•'100$ $•'135$ $•147$ MaK 2 1.027 .290 $.005$ $.175$ $Mg'10'1$ A1K 2 .950 15.924 A1203 $.501$ 20.997 39.675 \bar{z} .759 SiK 26. '144 19.044 Si'102 55.927 .599 KK $\overline{2}$ K 20'1 .984 .636 .333 .766 $.0'10$ $\overline{2}$ $.98'1$.039 CaK $.020$ $Ca₁₀₁$ -054 $.001$ TiK. $\mathbb Z$.984 .392 .167 T1102 .654 .005 $\overline{2}$ MnK .874 $.057$ $Min101$ $.002$ $•'154$ $•'199$.891 FeK \mathbb{R}^2 .589 $Fe₂₀₃$ 2.300 $.0'19$ $'1.609$ $\overline{0}$.000 -49.755 2.000 $0 K$ 63.629 TOTAL. 100.000 100.000 100.000 1.143

EDAX ANALYSIS

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SampleA2

FILENAME: SKD1

EDAX ANALYSIS

Specimen spectrum.

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Sample 0 1

SKD1 $LIVETIME(spec.) =$ 200 AREA **ENERGY RES** 1.6 84.89 114935 TOTAL AREA= 271362 FIT INDEX $=$.56 **ELMT** APP.CONC ERROR(WT%) NaK. $2¹$.079 $.088*₂$ Sigma* MaK. $\overline{2}$.368 $•'108$ A1K. $\overline{2}$ 27.200 .195 Sik \bar{z} 26.443 $.'.146$ KK. 2. .906 0.056 $\overline{2}$ CaK. .064 $.044* < 2$ Sigma* TiK. $\overline{2}$ $.635$.063 \mathcal{L} MnK. $-.081$ $064* < 2$ Sigma^{*} FeK 2 $'1.486$ $.092.$ **UNIVERSITY** $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ [3 ZAF'SJ 20.00 kV TILT= $.00$ ELEV=40.00 AZIM= $.00$ COSINE='1.000 Spectrum: SKD1 Last elmt by STOICH., NORMALISED %ELMT ATOM.% **ELMT** ZAF %OXIDE **FORMULA** NaK. $2'1.025$ $.057$.077 $.051$ Na201 .002 $2'1.035$.440 MoK .266 .007 $.223$ $Mg'10'1$ 21.299 A1K. $\overline{2}$.953 16.119 A1203 40.245 .507 $\mathbb Z$ 18.945 Sik $•757$ 26.063 $Si102$ 55.754 .596 $\overline{2}$ КK .984 .688 .359 \cdot K 20'1 .828 $.011$ CaK $\overline{2}$ $.98'1$.049 $.025$ Ca'10'1 .069 $.001$ $2¹$ TiK. .983 $.482$ $.206$ **Ti102** .804 $.006$ \mathcal{L}^{\prime} .000 MnK .874 Mn'10'1. $.000$ $.000.$.000 1.782 $'1.246$ Fe203 $.0'14$ FeK $2¹$.890 .456 2.000 $0 K$ Ω .000 49.850 63.6'17 $'1. '144$ '100.000 '100.000 $'100.000$ **TOTAL**

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Sample D₂

ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

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APPENDIX E

DATA BASE

The Ultimate analysis of the clay bodies was calculated by means of the "Insight" ceramic software programme. The results are presented in this appendix.

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A CLAY BODY

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FORMULA & ANALYSIS

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B13 BALL CLAY BODY

CClaybody

C Clay body

PXX Ball claybody

PXX BALL CLAY BODY

Moss Claybody

MOSS CLAY BODY

Western Province Ball clay body

Western Province ball clay Body

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G1 Kaolin Body

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The analyses of SA Silica and SA K Feldspar are entered in the INSIGHT Materials Data Table (MDT).

Sa Silica Analysis

sa silica

Sa Potash Feldspar

SA POTASH FELDSPAR

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