$$\% \text{ EOM} = \frac{\text{Wt EOM}}{\text{Wt Sediment Extracted (g)}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\text{ppm EOM} = \frac{\text{Wt EOM (mg)}}{\text{Wt Sediment Extracted (kg)}}$$

The following scale is used to classify the source rock richness of samples based on C12+ extractables:

Classification	ppm Total Extract
Poor	0 - 500
Fair	500 - 1000
Good	1000 - 2000
Very Good	2000 - 4000
Excellent	> 4000

6. SEPARATION OF PETROLEUM INTO CONSTITUENT FRACTIONS

Sediment extracts and crude oil or condensate samples are separated into saturate, aromatic and NSO (asphaltenes plus resins) fractions by medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC). That part of the petroleum which is soluble in pentane is applied to the MPLC system via a sample loop and is then pumped using pentane to a partially activated silicic acid pre-column which prevents further movement of the non-hydrocarbon compounds. The hydrocarbon components are pumped further to a Merck Si60 column where the saturate fraction is obtained by forward flushing and the aromatic fraction is recovered by reverse flushing. This separation procedure is monitored using a refractive index detector. To complete the separation the pre-column is removed from the MPLC system and flushed with dichloromethane: methanol (1:10). This non-hydrocarbon fraction is combined with the pentane insoluble material which is not applied to the MPLC system, and is labelled as the NSO fraction. The neat fractions are recovered by careful removal of the solvent by distillation and are weighed.

The weight of each fraction is used to calculate the % of each fraction in the sediment according to the following formulas:

$$\% \text{ Fraction} = \frac{\text{Wt Fraction}}{\text{Wt all Fractions}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\text{ppm Fraction} = \frac{\text{Wt Fraction (mg)}}{\text{Wt Sediment Extracted (kg)}}$$

The ppm hydrocarbon (saturates and aromatics) and ppm saturate values can be used to classify source rock richness and oil source potential respectively according to the following criteria: