

ment with isotropic thermal-motion factors was carried out on a Varian 73 computer of the University of Novi Sad. The final value of R was 0.076 for the observed reflexions.

The zinc atoms are surrounded by a distorted octahedron composed of four oxygen atoms belonging to the nitrate ions and of two oxygen atoms belonging to two water molecules. The octahedra are linked together by common nitrate groups in a layer parallel to (100). The structure of $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ is isotypic with that of $Mg(NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ (Ribár, Gabela, Herak & Prelesnik, 1973). The atomic

parameters are reported in Table 1; the bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

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