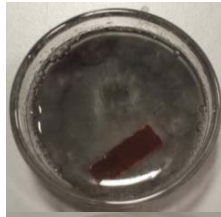


Copper



Stainless steel 304



Stainless steel 316



(a)

(b)

**Figure 8** Photographs of samples of copper, stainless steel 304 and stainless steel 316 when immersed in the eutectic salt of  $\text{LiNO}_3\text{--NaCl}$  (87–13%) at 300 °C for two weeks: (a) prior to cooling; (b) after cooling to ambient.