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**New minerals recently approved
by the
Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names
International Mineralogical Association**

The information given here is provided by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, I. M. A. for comparative purposes and as a service to mineralogists working on new species.

Each mineral is described in the following format:

IMA No. (any relationship to other minerals)
Chemical Formula
Crystal system, space group
unit cell parameters
Colour; lustre; diaphaneity
Optical properties
Strongest lines in the X-ray powder diffraction pattern

The names of these approved species are considered confidential information until the authors have published their descriptions or released information themselves.

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J.A. Mandarino, Chairman Emeritus, and J.D. Grice, Chairman
Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, International Mineralogical Association

1997 Proposals

IMA No. 97-001

Chemically related to paulkerrite
(Bi,Pb)₂Fe(O,OH)₃PO₄
Monoclinic: C2/m
a 12.278, b 3.815, c 6.899 Å, β 111.14°.
Black to dark brown; vitreous to adamantine;
opaque to translucent.
Biaxial (-), α 2.06, β 2.15(calc), γ 2.19,
2V(meas.) 70°.
5.726 (54), 3.372 (77), 3.322 (37), 3.217 (46),
3.011 (100), 2.863 (34), 2.750 (62).

a 7.116, c 4.815 Å.
Creamy-white; earthy; earthy.
Probably uniaxial (-), n 1.67.
3.479 (40), 2.862 (55), 2.654 (100), 2.231 (15),
2.129 (20), 1.920 (35), 1.644 (20).

IMA No. 97-002

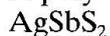
The boron-dominant analogue of gehlenite
(melilite group)
Ca₂B₂SiO₇
Tetragonal: P42₁m

IMA No. 97-003

The Ti-dominant analogue of nenadkevichite
NaK₂(Ti,Nb)₂Si₄O₁₂(O,OH)₂ · 2H₂O
Monoclinic: C2/m
a 14.39, b 13.900, c 7.825 Å, β 117.6°.
Colourless; vitreous; transparent to trans-
lucent.
Biaxial (+), α 1.667, β 1.677, γ 1.802,
2V(meas.) 32°, 2V(calc.) 33°.
6.94 (61), 6.39 (43B), 3.186 (100), 3.100 (96),
2.600 (28), 2.586 (28), 2.489 (24).

IMA No. 97-004

A polymorph of miargyrite



Cubic: Fm3m

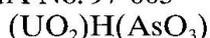
a 5.650

Greyish black; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: grey. R: (34.5%) 470 nm,
(33.8%) 546 nm, (32.8%) 589 nm, (28.7%)
650 nm.

3.26 (9), 2.83 (10), 1.998 (8), 1.703 (6),
1.630 (5), 1.296 (2), 1.263 (3).

IMA No. 97-005



Tetragonal: space group unknown

a 11.00, c 15.96 Å

Yellow; dull; translucent.

Uniaxial (-), ω 1.84, ε 1.75.

5.58 (8), 4.95 (10), 4.40 (6), 3.33 (8), 3.03 (6),
2.91 (5).

IMA No. 97-007

The Mn²⁺-dominant analogue of nordite-(Ce)



Orthorhombic: Pcca

a 14.449, b 5.187, c 19.849 Å

Colourless, pale-brownish, brown; vitreous;
transparent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.623, β 1.636, γ 1.642,
2V(meas.) 60°, 2V(calc.) 68°.

7.22 (38), 4.215 (100), 3.326 (67), 2.965 (83),
2.875 (55), 2.597 (54), 2.443 (35).

IMA No. 97-008

The Fe²⁺-dominant analogue of nordite-(Ce)



Orthorhombic: Pcca

a 14.460, b 5.187, c 19.848 Å

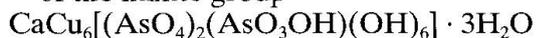
Colourless or light coffee-colour; vitreous;
transparent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.623, β 1.636, γ 1.642,
2V(meas.) 60°, 2V(calc.) 68°.

7.22 (41), 4.216 (100), 3.325 (67), 2.964 (73),
2.879 (62), 2.595 (46), 2.444 (31).

IMA No. 97-009

The calcium- and arsenate-dominant member
of the mixite group



Hexagonal: P6₃/m

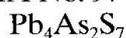
a 13.571, c 5.880 Å

Pale green; vitreous; transparent.

Uniaxial (+), ω 1.688, ε 1.765.

11.64 (100), 4.431 (41), 3.387 (17), 3.254 (22),
2.9347 (42), 2.6932 (29), 2.5624 (30).

IMA No. 97-010



Orthorhombic: Pba2 or Pbam

a 15.179, b 38.117, c 4.0428 Å

Silvery lead grey; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: white with a greenish tint,
distinct anisotropism (dark grey to
greenish grey, weak birefractance, weak
pleochroism. R_{min.} & R_{max.}: (33.8, 34.0%)
470 nm, (31.8, 31.9%) 546 nm, (31.2,
31.3%) 589 nm, (30.4, 30.4%) 650 nm.

4.462 (40), 3.699 (37), 3.392 (100), 2.817 (45),
2.735 (31), 2.156 (25), 2.150 (22).

IMA No. 97-012



Monoclinic: C2

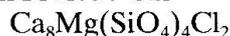
a 8.9252, b 6.1427, c 7.352 Å, β 115.25°

Light brownish to brownish pink, orange-
brown; vitreous; transparent.

Biaxial (sign unknown), n 1.76 parallel to
fibre, n 1.70 perpendicular to fibre.

4.914 (58), 3.376 (65), 3.164 (100), 3.084 (61),
2.945 (72), 2.687 (53), 2.522 (84).

IMA No. 97-013



Cubic: Fd $\bar{3}$

a 15.0850 Å

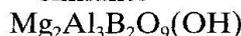
Orange brown to amber; vitreous;
transparent.

Isotropic, n 1.676.

2.901 (40), 2.666 (100), 2.549 (30), 1.9637 (30),
1.8845 (30), 1.7774 (30), 1.5400 (50),
1.4585 (30).

IMA No. 97-014

Chemically and structurally related to
sinhalite



Monoclinic: P2₁/c

a 7.49, b 4.33, c 9.85 Å, β 110.7°

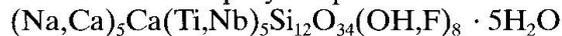
Colourless; vitreous; transparent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.691, β 1.713, γ 1.730,
2V(meas.) 80.0°, 2V(calc.) 82°.

3.21 (40), 2.61 (40), 2.14 (100), 2.102 (60),
1.625 (100), 1.607 (40), 1.399 (40).

IMA No. 97-015

A Ca-dominant polymorph of zorite



Orthorhombic: C222

a 7.024, b 23.155, c 6.953 Å

Pale brown, brown, orange-yellow; vitreous;
transparent to translucent.

Biaxial (+), α 1.599, β 1.610, γ 1.696,
2V(meas.) 38°, 2V(calc.) 41°.

11.564 (100), 6.932 (90), 5.258 (40), 4.446 (40),
3.052 (75), 2.977 (70), 2.582 (40).

IMA No. 97-017

A monoclinic polymorph of cervantite
 Sb_2O_4 ($\text{Sb}^{3+}\text{Sb}^{5+}\text{O}_4$, β -phase)
Monoclinic: $C2/c$
a 12.061, b 4.836, c 5.383 Å, β 104.60°
Colourless; vitreous; transparent.
Biaxial (sign unknown), α' 1.72, γ' 2.10.
3.244 (VS), 2.920 (M), 2.877 (S), 1.619 (M).

IMA No. 97-018

A member of the milarite group
 $\text{K}(\text{Ca}, \text{Mn}, \text{Na})_2(\text{K}_{2-x}\square_x)_2\text{Zn}_3\text{Si}_{12}\text{O}_{30}$
Hexagonal: $P6/mcc$
a 10.505, c 14.185 Å
Colourless, white; vitreous; transparent to
translucent.
Uniaxial (+), ω 1.561, ε 1.562
7.11 (35), 3.830 (100), 3.345 (60), 3.304 (40),
2.940 (50), 2.795 (85), 2.627 (35).

IMA No. 97-019

The zinc-dominant member of the manasseite
group
 $\text{Zn}_4\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_{12}(\text{CO}_3) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Hexagonal: $P6_3/mmc$
a 3.0725, c 15.1135 Å
White; vitreous; transparent.
Optical properties could not be measured.
7.51 (vs), 3.794 (m), 2.511 (mw), 2.175 (mw),
1.830 (mw), 1.542 (ms), 1.539 (ms).

IMA No. 97-021

HgBi_2S_4
Monoclinic: $C2/m$
a 14.164, b 4.053, c 13.967 Å, β 118.28°
Grey-black; metallic; opaque.
In reflected light: creamy-white, distinct
anisotropism, low birefractance, non-
pleochroic. R_1 & R_2 : (35.7, 37.8%) 470 nm,
(35.4, 37.5%) 546 nm, (34.9, 37.0%) 589 nm,
(33.9, 35.8%) 650 nm.
3.86 (m), 3.55 (m), 3.05 (S), 2.914 (mS),
2.865 (mS), 2.644 (m), 1.913 (m), 1.805 (m).

IMA No. 97-022

The cadmium-dominant analogue of 97-023
 $(\text{Cd}, \text{Ca}, \text{Mn})\text{KCu}_5(\text{AsO}_4)_4[\text{As}(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$
Monoclinic: $P2_1/m$
a 9.8102, b 10.0424, c 9.9788 Å, β 101.686°
Electric blue; vitreous; transparent.
Biaxial (-), α 1.720, β 1.749, γ 1.757,
2V(meas.) 50°, 2V(calc.) 55°.
9.64 (100), 4.46 (40), 3.145 (50), 3.048 (40),
2.698 (40).

IMA No. 97-023

The calcium-dominant analogue of 97-022
 $(\text{Ca}, \text{Cd}, \text{Mn})\text{KCu}_5(\text{AsO}_4)_4[\text{As}(\text{OH})_2\text{O}_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$
Monoclinic: $P2_1/m$
a 9.8102, b 10.0424, c 9.9788 Å, β 101.686°
Electric blue; vitreous; transparent.
Biaxial (-), α 1.713, β 1.743, γ 1.749,
2V(meas.) 50°, 2V(calc.) 48°.
9.64 (100), 4.46 (40), 3.145 (50), 3.048 (40),
2.698 (40).

IMA No. 97-024

The cadmium-dominant analogue of
campigliaite
 $\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Monoclinic: $P2_1/m$
a 5.543, b 21.995, c 6.079 Å, β 92.04°
Bluish-green; vitreous; transparent.
Biaxial (-), α 1.619, β 1.642, γ 1.661,
2V(meas.) 66°, 2V(calc.) 83°.
11.02 (90), 5.496 (100), 5.322 (25), 4.079 (50),
3.437 (30), 3.243 (40), 2.470 (30).

IMA No. 97-025

$\text{UO}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
Hexagonal: space group unknown
a 15.79, c 23.93 Å
Canary yellow; silky; translucent.
Uniaxial (+), ω 1.588, ε 1.612.
7.86 (47), 6.91 (55), 6.56 (77), 4.76 (40),
4.34 (36), 3.39 (33), 3.056 (100).

IMA No. 97-026

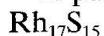
The boron-dominant analogue of vesuvianite
 $\text{Ca}_{19}(\text{Al}, \text{Mg}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ti})_{13}(\text{B}, \text{Al}, \square)_5\text{Si}_{18}\text{O}_{68}(\text{O}, \text{OH}, \text{F})_{10}$
Tetragonal: $P4/nnc$
a 15.752, c 11.717 Å
Dark green; vitreous; translucent.
Uniaxial (+), ω 1.721, ε 1.725.
2.776 (100), 2.617 (61), 2.592 (43), 2.491 (61),
2.121 (20), 1.660 (26), 1.640 (23).

IMA No. 97-027

The cobalt-dominant analogue of lothar
meyerite
 $\text{Ca}(\text{Co}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ni})_2(\text{AsO}_4)_2(\text{OH}, \text{H}_2\text{O})_2$
Monoclinic: $C2/m$
a 9.024, b 6.230, c 7.421 Å, β 115.15°.
Brown; vitreous; translucent.
Biaxial (+), α 1.78, β 1.79, γ 1.85(calc.),
2V(meas.) 48°.
4.955 (38), 3.398 (85), 3.188 (28), 3.115 (33),
2.972 (100), 2.709 (28), 2.545 (34).

IMA No. 97-029

The rhodium- and sulfur-dominant analogue of palladseite



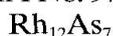
Cubic: $\text{Pm}\bar{3}\text{m}$, $\text{P}\bar{4}3\text{m}$ or $\text{P}432$

a 10.024 Å

Colour unknown; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: grey with slight bluish tint, isotropic. R : (38.6%) 480 nm, (39.0%) 540 nm, (39.1%) 580 nm, (38.8%) 660 nm. 3.33 (2), 3.17 (7), 3.02 (9), 2.68 (5), 2.24 (9), 1.931 (8), 1.774 (10).

IMA No. 97-030



Hexagonal: $\text{P}6_3/\text{m}$

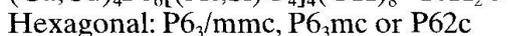
a 9.31, c 3.64 Å

Colour unknown; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: brownish-grey, weak anisotropism from grey to brownish-grey, weak bireflectance, nonpleochroic. R_{min} & R_{max} : (44.5, 47.8%) 480 nm, (44.7, 48.3%) 540 nm, (46.4, 49.2%) 580 nm, (48.6, 51.3%) 660 nm. 2.33 (4), 2.03 (2), 1.852 (9), 1.767 (6), 1.755 (10), 1.549 (8).

IMA No. 97-032

The Fe^{2+} -dominant analogue of wallkilldellite



Hexagonal: $\text{P}6_3/\text{mmc}$, $\text{P}6_3/\text{mc}$ or $\text{P}62\text{c}$

a 6.548, c 23.21 Å

Brown-yellow; vitreous to resinous; translucent.

Uniaxial (-), ω 1.750, ε could not be determined.

11.6 (100), 5.670 (80), 3.275 (70), 2.850 (10), 2.760 (15), 2.547 (10), 1.641 (25).

IMA No. 97-034



Monoclinic: $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$

a 6.629, b 7.616, c 7.379 Å, β 91.79°

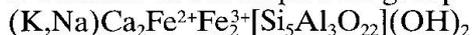
Dark green; adamantine; translucent.

Biaxial (sign unknown), n 1.94, mineral reacts with liquids of $n > 1.9$.

3.385 (100), 3.315 (78), 2.939 (47), 2.839 (28), 2.381 (29), 2.331 (29), 1.652 (32), 1.621 (34).

IMA No. 97-035

A member of the amphibole group



Monoclinic: $\text{C}2/\text{m}$

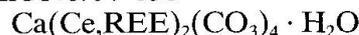
a 9.94, b 18.08, c 5.38 Å, β 105.5°

Black; vitreous; transparent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.696, β not determined, γ 1.715, $2V(\text{meas.})$ 45°.

8.44 (90), 3.405 (25), 3.285 (30), 3.145 (100), 2.823 (26), 2.722 (52), 2.606 (27), 2.579 (25).

IMA No. 97-036



Triclinic: $\text{P}\bar{1}$

a 6.397, b 6.389, c 12.383 Å,

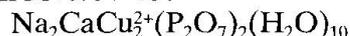
α 96.58°, β 100.85°, γ 100.46°

Colourless to white; vitreous; translucent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.635, β 1.725, γ 1.750, $2V(\text{calc.})$ 53°.

5.901 (59), 5.049 (72), 4.695 (37), 4.468 (36), 4.006 (110), 3.899 (45), 3.125 (39), 3.0051 (448).

IMA No. 97-037



Orthorhombic: $\text{Fdd}2$

a 11.938, b 32.854, c 11.017 Å

Blue-green; vitreous; transparent.

Biaxial (+), α 1.508, β 1.511, γ 1.517, $2V(\text{meas.})$ 76.2°, $2V(\text{calc.})$ 71°.

8.23 (30), 6.52 (100), 4.05 (40), 3.255 (40), 2.924 (40), 2.807 (25), 2.614 (20).

IMA No. 97-041

The zinc-dominant analogue of blödite



Monoclinic: $\text{P}2_1/\text{a}$

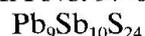
a 11.077, b 8.249, c 5.532 Å, β 100.18°.

Colourless; vitreous; transparent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.507, β 1.512, γ 1.516 (all for synthetic material).

4.550 (58), 4.245 (32), 3.325 (25), 3.289 (100), 3.262 (35), 3.245 (25), 2.631 (27).

IMA No. 97-042



Triclinic: $\text{P}\bar{1}$

a 24.789, b 8.26, c 21.787 Å, α 90.53°,

β 99.58°, γ 94.78°.

Black; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: black, low anisotropism, low bireflectance, nonpleochroic. R_1 & R_2 : (38.95, 37.64%) 470 nm, (42.35, 38.26%) 546 nm, (41.67, 37.63%) 589 nm, (37.43, 36.53%) 650 nm.

3.47 (vs), 3.35 (ms), 3.24 (ms), 2.986 (s), 2.947 (s), 2.229 (ms).

IMA No. 97-043



Orthorhombic: Pnma

a 8.8213, b 3.7725, c 14.0053 Å.

Greyish black; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: white, weak anisotropism, weak bireflectance, nonpleochroic.

R_1 & R_2 : (33.9, 36.0%) 470 nm, (31.3, 32.9%) 546 nm, (30.0, 31.4%) 589 nm, (28.8, 29.9%) 650 nm.
4.128 (100), 3.730 (30), 3.1085 (28), 2.8081 (51), 2.7421 (41), 2.6692 (51), 1.9335 (54).

IMA No. 97-044

A member of the ilmenite group
(Mg,Fe)SiO₃
Hexagonal (trigonal): $R\bar{3}$
a 4.78, c 13.6 Å.
Colourless; vitreous; transparent.
Uniaxial, no other data could be determined.
3.509 (61), 2.616 (100), 2.366 (52), 2.097 (45), 1.755 (45), 1.636 (65), 1.366 (50).

IMA No. 97-045

Na₂LiAlF₆
Monoclinic: P2₁ or P2₁/m
a 7.5006, b 7.474, c 7.503 Å, β 90.847°.
Pale buff-cream; somewhat greasy; transparent to translucent.
Almost isotropic (biref. = 0.0009), biaxial n 1.359, 2V(meas.) up to 27°.
4.33 (100), 2.65 (60), 2.25 (70), 2.18 (50), 2.158 (40), 1.877 (90).

IMA No. 97-047

(Na,Y)(Y,REE)(HCO₃)(OH)₂ · 5H₂O
Monoclinic: P2 (pseudo-tetragonal)
a 4.566, b 13.018, c 4.566 Å, β 90.15°.
White to yellow; vitreous; translucent to transparent.
Uniaxial (-), ω 1.540, ε 1.40, 2V(meas.) 0–5°.
12.97 (10), 6.52 (3), 4.57 (3), 4.32 (5), 3.223(3), 3.133 (5), 2.016 (4).

IMA No. 97-048

The magnesium-dominant analogue of palenzonaite

Cubic: Ia $\bar{3}$ d

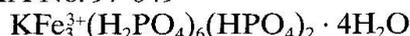
a 12.427 Å

Red; adamantine; transparent.

Isotropic, n 1.94.

3.108 (44), 2.779 (100), 2.652 (20), 2.535 (39), 1.723 (26), 1.662 (40).

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Monoclinic: C2/c

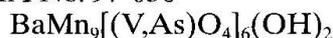
a 16.95, b 9.59, c 17.57 Å, β 90.85°.

White; vitreous; translucent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.557, β 1.598, γ 1.602, 2V(meas.) 32°, 2V(calc.) 34°.

8.83 (10), 7.60 (4), 3.75 (10), 3.30 (4), 3.23 (5), 3.11 (4), 3.02 (9).

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Cubic: Pa $\bar{3}$

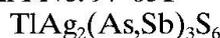
a 12.845 Å

Dark red; adamantine; transparent.

Isotropic, n > 2.0.

3.01 (87), 2.790 (100), 2.608 (100), 2.332 (44), 2.134 (53), 1.510 (99), 1.0020 (35).

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Orthorhombic: Pnmb or P2₁nb

a 12.479, b 15.522, c 5.719 Å.

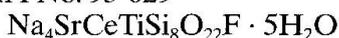
Dark grey; metallic; opaque.

In reflected light: pure white, extremely weak anisotropism, no birefractance, non-pleochroic. $R_{\min.}$ & $R_{\max.}$: (31.43, 33.43%) 470 nm, (28.31, 30.52%) 546 nm, (27.10, 29.11%) 589 nm, (25.57, 27.44%) 650 nm.

3.655 (16), 3.363 (50), 3.290 (23), 3.210 (26), 3.118 (27), 2.822 (100), 2.540 (17), 2.070 (15).

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IMA No. 93-029



Monoclinic: P2/a (?)

a 23.88, b 14.40, c 7.238 Å, β 91.0°.

Yellow. pink-yellow or cream; vitreous and silky; translucent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.542, β 1.569, γ 1.571, 2V(meas.) 28°, 2V(calc.) 30°.

12.36 (100), 3.232 (13), 3.190 (29), 3.108 (29), 3.087 (21), 3.058 (13), 2.708 (12).

IMA No. 96-016

Orthorhombic: Pcmm, Pcm2₁, or Pc2m

a 11.215, b 3.124, c 19.21 Å.

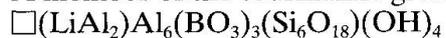
Yellowish-white; vitreous or pearly; translucent.

Biaxial (-), α 1.532, β ~ γ 1.562, 2V(meas.) ≤ 5°.

11.41 (29), 9.78 (46), 9.60 (38), 4.25 (20), 3.498 (100).

IMA No. 96-018

A member of the tourmaline group



Hexagonal (trigonal): R3m

a 15.770, c 7.085 Å.

Pink; vitreous; translucent.

Uniaxial (-), ω 1.645, ε 1.624.

4.181 (58), 3.950 (100), 3.434 (52), 2.924 (56),
2.552 (93), 1.898 (72).

IMA No. 96-061

An hexagonal or trigonal dimorph of scorodite



Hexagonal: P-c- (extinction symbol)

a 8.9327, c 9.9391 Å.

White to light yellow-brown; vitreous;
translucent.

Uniaxial (sign unknown), ω and $\varepsilon > 1.72$.

4.973 (61), 4.184 (44), 4.076 (100), 3.053 (67),
2.806 (68), 2.661 (59), 2.520 (54), 2.2891 (44).