

## Ferrokinoshitalite

## $\text{BaFe}^{2+}_3(\text{Si}_2\text{Al}_2)\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As tabular crystals, to 0.2 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on (001). *Fracture:* None. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 3 D(meas.) = 3.69(8) D(calc.) = 3.59

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Dark green. *Streak:* Green. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial(-).  $n(\text{calc.}) = 1.6939$   $2V = \sim 20^\circ$  *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = grass green, Y = dark brown-green, Z = dark greenish gray-brown. *Absorption:*  $X \ll Z < Y$ .

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* C2/m.  $a = 5.389(1)$   $b = 9.337(2)$   $c = 10.054(2)$   $\beta = 100.53(2)^\circ$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Broken Hill mine, near Aggeneys, northern Cape Province, South Africa. 2.651 (100), 2.176 (40), 1.551 (30), 1.659 (25), 1.529 (25), 3.655 (15), 2.446 (15)

Chemistry:	(1)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.68
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.80
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.35
FeO	24.27
MnO	1.14
MgO	5.84
BaO	14.14
SrO	0.07
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.26
K <sub>2</sub> O	3.18
F	2.43
Total	100.01

(1) Broken Hill mine, northern Cape Province, South Africa; average electron microprobe analysis,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  from high-performance ion chromatography, total corrected for - O = F; corresponds to  $(\text{Ba}_{0.49}\text{K}_{0.34}\text{Na}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=0.85}(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{1.72}\text{Mg}_{0.74}\text{Mn}_{0.08}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.15}\text{Ti}_{0.17})_{\Sigma=2.87}(\text{Si}_{2.44}\text{Al}_{1.56})_{\Sigma=4.00}\text{O}_{10}[(\text{OH})_{1.35}\text{F}_{0.65}]_{\Sigma=2.00}$ .

**Polymorphism & Series:** Kinoshitalite-ferrokinoshitalite solid solution. 1*M* polytype.

**Mineral Group:** Brittle mica.

**Occurrence:** In massive Pb-Zn-Cu-Ag sulfide orebodies in banded iron formation that underwent high-grade metamorphism.

**Association:** Quartz, magnetite, spessartine-rich garnet, apatite, sillimanite, ferroan gahnite, Mn-rich grunerite, manganogrunerite, manganoan fayalite, Mn-rich pyroxferroite.

**Distribution:** At the Broken Hill mine, near Aggeneys, northern Cape Province, South Africa.

**Name:** Prefix, *ferro*, indicates the Fe<sup>2+</sup>-dominant analog of *kinoshitalite*.

**Type Material:** Department of Geological Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

**References:** (1) Guggenheim, S. and H.E. Frimmel (1999) Ferrokinoshitalite, a new species of brittle mica from the Broken Hill Mine, South Africa; structural and mineralogical characterization. Can. Mineral., 37, 1445-1452. (2) (2000) Amer. Mineral., 85(10), 1561-1562 (abs. ref. 1).