

Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* $4/m\bar{3}2/m$. As spherical grains to sharp trapezohedral {211} crystals to 180 μm .

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Irregular. *Tenacity:* Brittle.
D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.104(1) *Hardness* = ~7 VHN = 1168-1288 (25 g load).

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Light to dark brown; yellow-green in transmitted light.
Streak: n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Isotropic to anisotropic. $n = 1.945(5)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Ia\bar{3}d$. $a = 12.5512(15)$ $Z = 8$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kerimasi volcano, Gregory rift, northern Tanzania.
2.808 (100), 3.141 (89), 2.563 (89), 1.677 (75), 4.445 (67), 1.741 (25), 1.402 (21)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	
Fe ₂ O ₃	16.92	16.01	Pr ₂ O ₃	0.10	
Al ₂ O ₃	6.77	6.83	Nd ₂ O ₃	0.43	0.24
SiO ₂	7.32	8.37	Sm ₂ O ₃	0.13	
ZrO ₂	27.93	34.42	Gd ₂ O ₃	0.10	
TiO ₂	1.04	2.10	Dy ₂ O ₃	0.11	
Nb ₂ O ₅	8.78	3.00	Er ₂ O ₃	0.06	
MgO	0.63	0.16	HfO ₂	0.16	
Y ₂ O ₃	0.71	0.30	CaO	25.86	27.31
La ₂ O ₃	0.18	0.09	<u>MnO</u>	<u>0.33</u>	<u>0.11</u>
Ce ₂ O ₃	0.64	0.31	Total	98.20	99.25

(1) Kerimasi volcano, northern Tanzania; average of 7 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy; corresponding to (Ca_{2.89}Mn_{0.03}Ce_{0.02}Nd_{0.02}La_{0.01}Sm_{0.01}) $\Sigma=2.98$ (Zr_{1.42}Nb_{0.41}Mg_{0.10}Y_{0.04}Hf_{0.01}) $\Sigma=1.98$ (Fe³⁺_{1.33}Al_{0.83}Si_{0.76}Ti_{0.09}) $\Sigma=3.00$ O₁₂.

(2) Kerimasi volcano, northern Tanzania; average of 20 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy; corresponding to (Ca_{3.00}Mn_{0.01}Ce_{0.01}Nd_{0.01}) $\Sigma=3.03$ (Zr_{1.72}Nb_{0.14}Ti_{0.08}Mg_{0.02}Y_{0.02}) $\Sigma=1.98$ (Fe³⁺_{1.23}Si_{0.86}Al_{0.82}Ti_{0.09}) $\Sigma=3.00$ O₁₂.

Mineral Group: Garnet supergroup, schorlomite group.

Occurrence: A magmatic phase in calcite carbonatite associated with a nephelinitic volcano (Kerimasi) and surrounding pyroclastic rocks (carbonatite agglomerates and tuffs).

Association: Calcite, rarely fluorapatite and magnesioferrite.

Distribution: From Kerimasi volcano and the Loluni, Kiseti and Loolmurwak explosion craters, Gregory rift, northern Tanzania.

Name: For the *Kerimasi* volcano in Tanzania.

Type Material: Natural History Museum, London, England (BM.1995,P6(47); BM.1995,P6(22)), and the Mineralogical Museum, Department of Mineralogy, Faculty of Geology, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia (1/19363).

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