Paganoite NiBi<sup>3+</sup>O(AsO<sub>4</sub>)

**Crystal Data**: Triclinic. *Point Group*: 1. As crystals, to 1 mm, and as crystal aggregates. Crystals elongated along [010], showing {100} and minor {010} and {001}.

**Physical Properties**: Cleavage: None. *Tenacity*: Brittle. *Fracture*: Uneven. Hardness = Soft. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.715 Nonfluorescent.

**Optical Properties**: Transparent to translucent. *Color*: Orange-brown to deep golden brown, gray in reflected light. *Streak*: Pale orange-brown. *Luster*: Adamantine.

*Optical Class*: n(calc.) = 2.07, 2.09. No bireflectance, nonpleochroic.  $R_1-R_2$ : (470) 12.85-13.1, (546) 12.35-12.6, (589) 12.15-12.5, (650) 12.0-12.35

**Cell Data**: *Space Group*:  $P\bar{1}$ . a = 6.7127(8) b = 6.8293(8) c = 5.2345(6)  $\alpha = 107.625(2)^{\circ}$   $\beta = 95.409(2)^{\circ}$   $\gamma = 111.158(2)^{\circ}$  Z = 2

**X-ray Powder Pattern**: Johanngeorgenstadt, Saxony, Germany. 5.943 (100), 3.233 (100), 3.067 (60), 3.047 (50), 2.116 (50), 2.095 (40), 1.659 (40)

## Chemistry: (1) (2) NiO 15.37 17.67 CoO 2.05 Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 55.06 55.13 <u>As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub></u> 28.00 27.19 100.48 Total 100.00

(1) Johanngeorgenstadt, Saxony, Germany; electron microprobe analysis; corresponds to  $(Ni_{0.86}Co_{0.11})_{\Sigma=0.97}Bi_{0.99}As_{1.02}O_5$ . (2) NiBiAsO<sub>5</sub>.

**Occurrence**: Formed from the breakdown of primary nickeline and native bismuth.

**Association**: Aerugite, xanthiosite, rooseveltite, quartz, nickeline, bismuth, bunsenite.

**Distribution**: At Johanngeorgenstadt, Saxony, Germany.

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**Type Material**: National Mineral Collection of Canada, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (NMCC 68083) and at The Natural History Museum, London, England.

**References**: (1) Roberts, A.C., P.C. Burns, R.A. Gault, A.J. Criddle, Mark N. Feinglos, and J.A.R. Stirling (2001) Paganoite, NiBi<sup>3+</sup>As<sup>5+</sup>O<sub>5</sub>, a new mineral from Johanngeorgenstadt, Saxony, Germany: description and crystal structure. Eur. J. Mineral., 13(1), 167-175. (2) (2000) Amer. Mineral., 85, 939 (abs. ref. 1).