Demicheleite-(I) BiSI

**Crystal Data**: Orthorhombic. *Point Group*: 2/m 2/m 2/m. Crystals, acicular to stout prismatic, to 0.25 mm; with forms {110} and {111} by analogy to demicheleite-(Br).

Physical Properties: Cleavage: None observed. Fracture: n.d. Tenacity: Brittle.

Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.411

Optical Properties: Translucent. Color: Dark red to black. Streak: Brown.

Luster: Submetallic. Optical Class: n.d.

**Cell Data**: Space Group: Pnam. a = 8.4501(7) b = 10.1470(9) c = 4.1389(4) Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern**: La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Sicily, Italy. 6.490 (100), 4.346 (94), 3.896 (90), 2.709 (60), 2.161 (38), 3.243 (22), 2.999 (22)

## **Chemistry**:

	(1)	(2)
Bi	58.32	56.80
S	9.43	8.71
I	23.69	34.49
Br	5.66	
Cl	1.01	
Total	98.11	100.00

(1) La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Sicily, Italy; electron microprobe analysis, corresponding to  $Bi_{0.97}S_{1.03}(I_{0.65}Br_{0.25}Cl_{0.10})_{\Sigma=1.00}$ . (2) BiSI.

**Occurrence**: A product of fumarolic alteration of pyroclastic breccia.

**Association**: Demicheleite-(Br), bismoclite, bismuthinite, aiolosite, godovikovite, panichiite, brontesite, adranosite.

**Distribution**: La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Aeolian archipelago, Sicily, Italy.

**Name**: Honors Vincenzo de Michele (b. 1936), former curator of the Natural History Museum, Milan, Italy, and for its chemical composition.

**Type Material**: Department of Structural Chemistry and Inorganic Stereochemistry, University of Milan, Italy (reference collection 2009-02).

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