

**Crystal Data:** Triclinic. *Point Group:*  $\bar{1}$ . As doubly terminated crystals, to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , on scholzite or as concentric zones to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  within zincian collinsite.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010} and {001}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. Hardness = 3.5 D(meas.) = 3.16(2) D(calc.) = 3.178 Weak greenish yellow fluorescence in SW UV. Slowly soluble in HCl.

**Optical Properties:** Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Colorless or gray with a bluish or greenish tint. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous; silky aggregates. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (+).  $\alpha = 1.635(5)$   $\beta = 1.650(5)$   $\gamma = 1.667(3)$  2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 83.4°

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{1}$ .  $a = 5.736(1)$   $b = 6.767(2)$   $c = 5.462(1)$   $\alpha = 97.41(2)^\circ$   $\beta = 108.59(2)^\circ$   $\gamma = 107.19(2)^\circ$   $Z = 1$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, South Australia, Australia. 2.690 (100), 3.038 (40), 3.130 (37), 6.24 (34), 3.230 (22), 1.668 (22), 3.512 (16)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.11
CaO	30.36
MgO	4.34
ZnO	14.79
FeO	0.04
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	40.85
<u>H<sub>2</sub>O</u>	<u>[10.23]</u>
Total	100.72

(1) Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, Australia; average of 15 electron microprobe analyses, H<sub>2</sub>O from stoichiometry; corresponds to (Ca<sub>1.91</sub>Na<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.92</sub>(Zn<sub>0.64</sub>Mg<sub>0.38</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.02</sub>P<sub>2.03</sub>O<sub>8</sub>•2.00H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Mineral Group:** Fairfieldite group.

**Polymorphism & Series:** Solid solution with collinsite.

**Occurrence:** In a gossan developed on argillaceous siltstone.

**Association:** Zincian collinsite, scholzite.

**Distribution:** From Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, South Australia, Australia.

**Name:** Honors Dr. Roderick Hill (b. 1949) Chief of the Mineral Research Division, CSIRO at Melbourne, Australia, who described the mineral in 1973 as a potentially new species.

**Type Material:** Museum of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia (M46032).

**References:** (1) Yakubovich, O.V., W. Massa, R.P. Liferovich, P.G. Gavrilenko, A.N. Bogdanova, and P. Tuisku (2003) Hillite, a new member of the fairfieldite group: its description and crystal structure. *Can. Mineral.*, 41, 981-988. (2) (2004) *Amer. Mineral.*, 89, 468 (abs. ref. 1).