

# Kelyanite

# Hg<sub>36</sub>Sb<sub>3</sub>O<sub>28</sub>(Cl, Br)<sub>9</sub>

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m, m, or 2. As irregular grains, to 2 mm.

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = 3–3.5 VHN = 247 (20 g load). D(meas.) = 8.51–8.63, 8.57 average. D(calc.) = 8.51

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Reddish brown; grayish white in reflected light, with deep brownish red to raspberry-red internal reflections. *Streak:* Resinous to vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial.  $n = > 2.0$  2V(meas.) = n.d. *Pleochroism:* Reddish brown to pale brown. *Anisotropism:* Noted. *Birefractance:* Weak.

R<sub>1</sub>–R<sub>2</sub>: (460) 20.5–19.9, (546) 18.9–18.1, (620) 17.8–17.1

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* C2/m, C2/c, Cm, Cc, or C2.  $a = 23.50(12)$   $b = 13.62(6)$   
 $c = 10.31(5)$   $\beta = 97.01(12)^\circ$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Kelyana mine, Russia.

3.30 (10), 3.78 (6), 2.72 (6), 2.53 (6), 3.24 (5), 2.364 (5), 1.954 (5)

## Chemistry:

	(1)
Hg	85.6
Sb	4.70
O	5.35
Cl	3.31
Br	0.91
Total	99.87

(1) Kelyana mine, Russia; by electron microprobe, average of 12 analyses; corresponding to Hg<sub>35.99</sub>Sb<sub>3.28</sub>O<sub>28.07</sub>(Cl<sub>7.82</sub>Br<sub>0.93</sub>)<sub>Σ=8.75</sub>, probably Hg<sub>20</sub><sup>2+</sup>Hg<sub>16</sub><sup>1+</sup>Sb<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>O<sub>28</sub>(Cl, Br)<sub>9</sub>.

**Occurrence:** In the oxidation zone of a stibnite-cinnabar ore deposit.

**Association:** Calomel, eglestonite, mercury, shakhovite, antimony oxides.

**Distribution:** In the Kelyana Sb–Hg mine, North Muya Range, Buryatia, Transbaikal region, Siberia, Russia.

**Name:** For the Kelyana mine, Russia, where it was first found.

**Type Material:** Central Siberian Geological Museum, Siberian Division, Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, VI-20/1; Mining Institute, St. Petersburg, 1203/1–2; A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 80163.

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