Ungavaite Pd<sub>4</sub>Sb<sub>3</sub>

Crystal Data: Tetragonal. *Point Group*: 422. As grains to 116 µm.

**Physical Properties**: Cleavage: None. Fracture: n.d. Hardness = n.d. Tenacity: Slightly malleable. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 7.258

Optical Properties: Opaque. Color: Dark gray, bright creamy white in reflected light.

Streak: n.d. Luster: Metallic.

*Optical Class*: n.d. *Anisotropism*: Weak, pale blue-gray to deep blue. R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>: (470) 50.2-50.5, (546) 55.6-55.9, (589) 57.9-58.3, (650) 60.2-60.7

**Cell Data**: *Space Group*:  $P4_12_12$ ,  $P4_122$ ,  $P4_32_12$ ,  $P4_22_12$ , or  $P4_222$ . a = 7.7388(4) c = 24.145(1) Z = 8

**X-ray Powder Pattern**: Mesamax Northwest deposit, Ungava region, Quebec, Canada. 2.263 (100), 3.008 (90), 1.9404 (60), 2.147 (30), 1.2043 (30), 1.2002 (30), 1.6337 (20)

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)
	As	0.20	
	Fe	0.13	
	Te	0.09	
	Sb	44.59	46.18
	Bi	0.42	
	Hg	0.19	
	Pd	54.53	53.82
	Total	100.15	100.00

(1) Mesamax Northwest deposit, Ungava region, Quebec, Canada; average of 16 electron microprobe analyses, corresponds to  $Pd_{4.043}(Sb_{2.889}As_{0.021}Fe_{0.018}Bi_{0.016}Hg_{0.007}Te_{0.006})_{\Sigma=2.957}$ . (2)  $Pd_4Sb_3$ .

**Occurrence**: As grains in heavy-mineral concentrates derived from drill-core from ultramafic rocks. Likely the product of hydrothermal remobilization of Pd (and possibly Sb) from pre-existing sulfides. Probably developed below 400°C; possibly through a solid state, order-disorder transformation.

**Association**: Chalcopyrite, a chlorite-group mineral, cobaltite, galena, magnetite, pentlandite, monoclinic pyrrhotite, sphalerite, altaite, Au-Ag alloy, hessite, michenerite, naldrettite, petzite, sperrylite, sudburyite.

**Distribution**: From the Mesamax Northwest Ni-Cu-Co-PGE deposit, in the Cape Smith fold belt of the Ungava region, northern Quebec, Canada.

**Name**: For the *Ungava* region, in which it was discovered.

**Type Material**: Natural History Museum, London, England (BM 2004, 34) and the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada (CNMMN 84397).

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