

Dovyrenite **$\text{Ca}_6\text{Zr}(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)_2(\text{OH})_4$**

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. Prismatic crystals (< 300 μm), flattened along [100], elongated along [001] with an orthorhombic cross-section display {100}, {140} and {081}? . As stellate growths, as reaction rims (< 200-250 μm). As pseudomorphs after calzirtite.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on (010); imperfect on (100), (001) and (140).

Fracture: Even, uneven or stepped. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 3-4

VHN = anisotropic, 103-114, 108 average; 156-174, 165 average (10 g load).

D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.034 Soluble in dilute HCl; insoluble in water.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Colorless, white (aggregates). *Streak:* White.

Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.659(2)$ $\beta = 1.660(2)$ $\gamma = 1.676(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 30(5)^\circ$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 28^\circ$ *Orientation:* $a = Z$, $b = X$, $c = Y$.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* Pnnm. $a = 5.666(16)$ $b = 18.844(5)$ $c = 3.728(11)$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Calculated pattern.

3.0727 (100), 5.4620 (63), 2.9570 (56), 3.1406 (39), 2.7468 (36), 1.8640 (33), 1.8786 (26)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
ZrO_2	16.47	16.74	FeO	0.25
SiO_2	32.83	32.65	MgO	0.13
TiO_2	0.14		MnO	0.02
HfO_2	0.16		Nb_2O_5	0.03
Cr_2O_3	0.01		H_2O	[5.47] 4.90
CaO	43.87	45.71	Total	99.38 100.00

(1) Dovyren massif, 60 km north of Baikal Lake, Northern Baikal region, Buryatia, Russia; average of 24 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by FTIR and Raman spectroscopy, H_2O calculated by difference and confirmed by crystal structure analysis; corresponds to $(\text{Ca}_{5.73}\text{Fe}_{0.03}\text{Mg}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=5.78}(\text{Zr}_{0.98}\text{Hf}_{0.01}\text{Ti}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Si}_4(\text{O}_{13.56}\text{OH}_{0.44})_{\Sigma=14.00}(\text{OH})_4$. (2) $\text{Ca}_6\text{Zr}[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7]_2(\text{OH})_4$.

Occurrence: An alteration product of Zr-bearing and zirconium minerals in veins of vesuvianite-foshagite skarn in carbonate xenoliths in a subvolcanic layered gabbro-peridotite massif.

Association: Fassaitic pyroxene, perovskite, hydrogarnets, monticellite, vesuvianite, diopside, foshagite, brucite, calzirtite, tazheranite, baghdadite, apatite, calcite, native bismuth, sphalerite, selenian galena, clauthalite, safflorite, rammelsbergite, pyrrhotite, pentlandite, valleriite, laitakarite, nickeline, nickel-skutterudite.

Distribution: From the north-east flank of the Dovyren (Yoko-Dovyren) layered gabbro-peridotite massif, 60 km north of Baikal Lake, Northern Baikal region, Buryatia, Russia.

Name: After the name of the locality *Dovyren* Bald Mountain, Russia.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (3545).

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