

Anandite**(Ba, K)(Fe²⁺, Mg)₃(Si, Al, Fe)₄O₁₀(S, OH)₂**

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Crystal Data: Monoclinic or orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m, m, or 2/m 2/m 2/m. Poorly developed prism faces give a hexagonal outline to cleavage flakes.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: {001}, perfect. Hardness = 3–4 D(meas.) = 3.94 D(calc.) = 3.94

Optical Properties: Nearly opaque. Color: Black. Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). Pleochroism: Y = green; Z = brown. Orientation: Y = b; Z \wedge a = 8°–16°. Dispersion: Strong. α = 1.85(1) β = n.d. γ = > 1.88 2V(meas.) = n.d.

Cell Data: Space Group: C2/c or Cc. a = 5.412(5) b = 9.434(5) c = 19.953(10) β = 94°52(10)' Z = 2, or Space Group: Pnmm. a = 5.439(1) b = 9.509(2) c = 19.878(6) Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Wilagedera iron prospect, Sri Lanka.

3.320 (100), 4.995 (85), 2.490 (80), 9.92 (60), 2.716 (50), 2.681 (45), 3.430 (40)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)		(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	25.20	24.59	Na ₂ O	0.10	0.06
TiO ₂	0.28	0.08	K ₂ O	0.93	0.24
Al ₂ O ₃	4.85	0.80	F		0.12
Fe ₂ O ₃	6.98		Cl		0.91
FeO	33.10	41.73	H ₂ O ⁺	1.98	
MnO	0.66	0.92	H ₂ O ⁻	0.12	
MgO	3.39	2.89	S	2.96	4.25
CaO	0.16	0.00	—O = S, (F, Cl) ₂	1.48	2.38
BaO	20.35	23.05	Total	99.58	97.26

(1) Wilagedera iron prospect, Sri Lanka. (2) Do.; by electron microprobe; Mössbauer spectroscopy indicates Fe²⁺:Fe³⁺ = 1.19.

Polymorphism & Series: 2O, 2M₁, 1M polytypes.

Mineral Group: Mica group.

Occurrence: As monomineralic veinlets and lenses in a banded magnetite deposit capped by banded magnetite-barite rock. The ore zone and associated interbedded calc-schists and gneisses are of metasedimentary origin, of approximately granulite facies grade.

Association: Magnetite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, pyrrhotite, barite.

Distribution: At the Wilagedera iron prospect, North Western Province, Sri Lanka.

Name: Honoring Dr. Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy (1877–1947), the first Director of the Mineral Survey of Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

Type Material: n.d.

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