Daliranite PbHgAs₂S₆

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: n.d. As matted nests of acicular fibers < 0.2 mm long and < 0.003 mm in diameter, elongated along [010].

Physical Properties: Cleavage: none discernable. Fracture: n.d. Tenacity: Brittle, flexible. Hardness = < 2 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 5.93

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color*: Vibrant orange-red; gray in reflected light, orange-red internal reflections. *Streak*: Pale orange-red. *Luster*: Adamantine. *Optical Class*: n.d.

R: (470) 32.9, (546) 30.5, (589) 34.0, (650) 39.5

Cell Data: *Space Group*: *P2, Pm* or *P2/m*. a = 19.113(5) b = 4.233(2) c = 22.958(8) $\beta = 114.78(5)^{\circ}$ Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Zarshouran Au-As deposit, northwest Iran. 2.722 (100), 8.67 (80), 4.65 (50), 3.40 (50), 2.894 (50), 2.187 (50), 3.87 (40)

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Pb	23.26	27.63
Hg	24.77	26.75
Tl	0.19	
As	18.75	19.98
S	22.48	25.65
Total	89.44	100.01

(1) Zarshouran Au-As deposit, northwest Iran, average of 8 electron microprobe analyses, corresponding to $Pb_{0.95}Tl_{0.01}Hg_{1.04}As_{2.10}S_{5.91}$. (2) $PbHgAs_2S_6$.

Occurrence: A late-stage hydrothermal mineral formed by reaction with orpiment in a Carlin-type, sediment-hosted disseminated Au-As deposit.

Association: Orpiment, quartz, rarely with galkhaite, hutchinsonite and cinnabar.

Distribution: Zarshouran Au-As deposit, 42 km north of the town of Takab, West Azarbaijan Province, northwest Iran.

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Type Material: Mineralogical Museum, Department of Materials Engineering and Physics (Mineralogy), University of Salzburg, Austria (sample nos. 14947/14948); the South Australian Museum, Adelaide, Australia (catalog no. G29976).

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