

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* m or $2/m$. Fine-grained massive.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {001}, perfect. *Hardness* = 2 *D*(meas.) = 3.31
D(calc.) = 3.348

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Pale green; in transmitted light, colorless.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.600(2)$ $\beta = 1.652(2)$ $\gamma = [1.655]$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 27(2)^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* Cc or $C2/c$. $a = 5.316(2)$ $b = 9.149(3)$ $c = 18.994(6)$
 $\beta = 99.96(6)^\circ$ $Z = [4]$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Bon Accord, South Africa.

9.40 (100), 3.12 (28), 2.503 (23), 4.57 (16), 2.245 (8), 1.524 (7), 3.55 (3)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	51.83
Al ₂ O ₃	0.38
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.77
FeO	0.31
MnO	0.00
CoO	0.46
NiO	34.55
MgO	7.09
CaO	0.28
H ₂ O ⁺	3.61
H ₂ O ⁻	0.05
Total	100.33

(1) Bon Accord, South Africa; corresponds to $(\text{Ni}_{2.12}\text{Mg}_{0.80}\text{Fe}_{0.10}^{3+}\text{Co}_{0.03}\text{Ca}_{0.02}\text{Fe}_{0.02}^{2+})_{\Sigma=6.19}$
 $(\text{Si}_{3.94}\text{Al}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=3.98}\text{O}_{10.16}(\text{OH})_{1.84}$.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral in a nickel-bearing layered igneous sill.

Association: Ferroan trevorite, nimite, violarite, millerite, reevesite, goethite, "opal."

Distribution: Found three km west of the Scotia talc mine, Bon Accord area, Barberton, Transvaal, South Africa.

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