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Crystal Data: [Monoclinic.] Point Group: [2/m.] [Prismatic.]

Physical Properties: Cleavage: [Perfect on $\{110\}$, intersecting at $\sim 56^{\circ}$ and $\sim 124^{\circ}$; partings on $\{100\}$, $\{001\}$.] Tenacity: [Brittle.] Hardness = [5-6] D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = [3.13]

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. Color: [Black to blue-green.] Luster: [Vitreous.] Optical Class: [Biaxial.] $\alpha = \text{n.d.}$ $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = \text{n.d.}$ 2V(meas.) = n.d.

Cell Data: Space Group: [C2/m.] a = 9.778(1) b = 17.859(2) c = 5.310(1) $\beta = 104.82(1)^{\circ}$ Z = [2]

X-ray Powder Pattern: n.d.

Chemistry:

	(1)
SiO_2	43.57
TiO_2	0.36
Al_2O_3	17.66
FeO	8.27
MnO	0.13
NiO	0.04
$_{\rm MgO}$	12.65
CaO	6.92
Na_2O	7.07
K_2O	0.00
F	0.01
Cl	0.01
Total	96.69

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{(1) Nordfjord, Norway; by electron microprobe, } Fe^{2+}:Fe^{3+} \text{ calculated; corresponding to } \\ \text{(Na}_{1.94}\text{Ca}_{1.06})_{\Sigma=3.00}(\text{Mg}_{2.93}\text{Al}_{1.12}\text{Fe}_{0.50}^{3+}\text{Fe}_{0.41}^{2+}\text{Ti}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=5.00}(\text{Si}_{6.24}\text{Al}_{1.76})_{\Sigma=8.00}\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_{2}. \end{array}$

Polymorphism & Series: Forms a series with taramite.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Mineral Group:} & Amphibole \ (sodic-calcic) \ group: \ Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+}) \geq 0.5; \ (Na+K)_A \geq 0.5; \\ 0.67 & Na_B & 1.33; \ (Ca+Na)_B \geq 1.34; \ Si < 6.5. \end{array}$

Occurrence: An unusual product of the retrograde metamorphism of eclogitic rocks.

Association: Plagioclase, clinopyroxene.

Distribution: In the Nybö eclogite pod, Nordfjord, Norway.

Name: For magnesium in its composition and similarity to taramite.

Type Material: n.d.

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