Temagamite Pd_3HgTe_3

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. Point Group: n.d. As rounded to irregular inclusions, to 115 μ m, in chalcopyrite.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = 92 (25 g load). D(meas.) = 9.5 (synthetic). D(calc.) = 9.45

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* In polished section, white with a gray tinge. *Luster:* Metallic. *Anisotropism:* Weak in air, stronger in oil, in pale gray to dark gray.

 $R_1 - R_2 \colon \ (470) \ 51.8 - 52.8, \ (546) \ 52.9 - 53.9, \ (589) \ 54.2 - 55.0, \ (650) \ 57.1 - 57.7$

Cell Data: Space Group: n.d. (synthetic). a = 11.608(2) b = 12.186(1) c = 6.793(1) Z = 6

X-ray Powder Pattern: Synthetic.

2.912 (10), 2.187 (9), 1.959 (7), 1.661 (5), 1.624 (5), 1.462 (5), 1.155 (5)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Pd	34.9	34.5
Pt		1.0
$_{\mathrm{Hg}}$	22.1	22.0
Bi	n.d.	0.13
Te	42.1	42.1
Total	99.1	99.73

- (1) Temagami Mine, Canada; by electron microprobe, corresponding to Pd_{2.99}Hg_{1.00}Te_{3.01}.
- (2) Stillwater complex, Montana, USA; by electron microprobe, corresponding to $(Pd_{2.95}Pt_{0.05})_{\Sigma=3.00}Hg_{1.00}Te_{3.00}$.

Occurrence: Cogenetic with moderately high-temperature invasive chalcopyrite magma (Temagami Mine, Canada).

Association: Merenskyite, hessite, chalcopyrite, stützite.

Distribution: In Canada, in Ontario, from the Temagami Cu–Ni mine, Temagami Island, Lake Temagami, Nipissing district [TL] and from a prospect near Rathbun Lake. In the USA, from the Stillwater complex, Montana; and the New Rambler Cu–Ni mine, Medicine Bow Mountains, east of Encampment, Albany Co., Wyoming.

Name: For the Temagami mine in Canada, where the mineral was first found.

Type Material: Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, M32528.

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