Cupalite (Cu, Zn)Al

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. Point Group: n.d. Myrmekitic and dendritic drop-like grains up to 35  $\mu$ m within first-generation khatyrkite, and as rounded or irregular grains to 20  $\mu$ m in cracks and interstices in second-generation khatyrkite.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = 272–318 (20 and 50 g loads). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 5.12

Optical Properties: Opaque. Color: Steel-yellow. Luster: Metallic. Anisotropism: Very weak, from light gray to gray.

R: (400) — , (420) — , (440) 66.8, (460) 66.1, (480) 65.3, (500) 64.5, (520) 63.7, (540) 62.9, (560) 62.1, (580) 61.3, (600) 60.4, (620) 59.7, (640) 58.9, (660) 58.2, (680) 57.7, (700) 57.2

Cell Data: Space Group: n.d. a = 6.95(1) b = 4.16(1) c = 10.04(1) Z = 10

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Listvenitovii stream, USSR. 5.07 (10), 4.12 (8), 3.59 (2), 2.83 (1), 2.607 (1), 2.316 (1), 2.023 (1)

Chemistry:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Cu} & & 59.9 & - & 61.7 \\ \text{Zn} & & 7.66 - & 9.35 \\ \text{Al} & & 29.3 & - & 30.4 \\ \hline \text{Total} & & & & & \\ \end{array}$$

(1) Listvenitovii stream, USSR; by electron microprobe, ranges of analyses on nine grains, corresponding to (Cu, Zn)Al.

Occurrence: In black slick washed from greenish gray cover weathering from serpentine.

**Association:** Khatyrkite, two unnamed zinc aluminides.

**Distribution:** Near the Listvenitovii stream, Khatirskii ultramafic zone of the Koryak–Kamchata fold area, Koryak Mountains, USSR.

Name: For the composition.

Type Material: Mining Museum, Leningrad Mining Institute, Leningrad, USSR.

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