Mäkinenite γ -NiSe

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. Point Group: 3m. Massive.

Physical Properties: Hardness = 2.5-3 VHN = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 7.22

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* In polished section, yellow-orange, pure yellow in oil. *Pleochroism:* Strong, yellow to greenish yellow. *Anisotropism:* Strong, in oil pale green to pale orange-yellow, in air glowing cinder-red to blue-green or green.

 $\begin{array}{l} R_1-R_2\colon (400)\ 24.0-25.0, (420)\ 27.5-30.0, (440)\ 31.0-35.0, (460)\ 35.3-38.7, (480)\ 39.4-41.6, (500)\\ 43.0-43.8, (520)\ 46.0-45.8, (540)\ 48.8-47.4, (560)\ 51.1-48.6, (580)\ 53.2-49.6, (600)\ 54.9-50.5, (620)\\ 56.3-51.2, (640)\ 57.4-51.9, (660)\ 58.5-52.4, (680)\ 59.4-52.9, (700)\ 60.2-53.4 \end{array}$

Cell Data: Space Group: n.d. a = 10.01 c = 3.28 Z = 9

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kuusamo, Finland.

2.88 (100), 2.63 (100), 2.35 (100), 1.95 (100), 4.99 (60), 1.81 (40), 1.71 (40)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Ni	41.1	42.65
Co	1.0	
Cu	trace	
Se	57.9	57.35
Total	100.0	100.00

(1) Kuusamo, Finland; by X-ray fluorescence analysis. (2) NiSe.

Occurrence: In sills of albite diabase in schist, associated with low-grade uranium mineralization (Kuusamo, Finland).

Association: Clausthalite, selenian melonite (Kuusamo, Finland).

Distribution: In Finland, from Kuusamo [TL] and Hitura.

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Type Material: National School of Mines, Paris, France.

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