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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. Point Group: $\overline{3} 2/m$. Pseudocubic crystals, to 0.3 mm.

Physical Properties: Fracture: Irregular. Hardness = ~ 4 D(meas.) = 1.90(3) D(calc.) = 1.87

Optical Properties: Transparent. Color: Colorless. Luster: Vitreous. Optical Class: Uniaxial (+). $\omega = 1.4941(4)$ $\epsilon = 1.4960(4)$

Cell Data: Space Group: $R\overline{3}c$. a = 11.350(1) c = 28.321(2) Z = 6

X-ray Powder Pattern: Hannebacher Ley volcano, Germany. 5.73 (100), 8.11 (80), 2.69 (80), 3.63 (60), 3.28 (40), 2.11 (40), 4.87 (30)

Chemistry: (1) Hannebacher Ley volcano, Germany; characterized by the identity of the X-ray pattern with that of synthetic material, as well as crystal-structure analysis of the natural mineral.

Occurrence: A rare species, an intermediate stage in oxidation of sulfides to sulfates, preserved in a melilite nepheline leucitite quenched during a submarine volcanic eruption.

Association: Clinopyroxene, apatite, phillipsite, calcite.

Distribution: From the Hannebacher Ley volcano, one km east-northeast of Hannebach, Eifel, Germany.

Name: To honor P. Orschall, Cologne, Germany, who discovered the mineral.

Type Material: Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

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