Naldrettite Pd₂Sb

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group: mm2*. As irregular grains, to 239 μ m. *Twinning*: Strain-induced polysynthetic twinning observed.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: None. Tenacity: Ductile (flexibly inelastic). Fracture: Irregular. Hardness = 4-5 VHN = 393 (50 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 10.694

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Bright creamy white in plane-polarized reflected light, no internal reflections. *Birefringence:* Weak. *Pleochroism:* None. *Anisotropism:* Distinct in shades of deep bright blue, lemon-buff, and mauve to pale pink. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Metallic. *Optical Class:* n.d.

 R_1 - R_2 : (470) 49.0-50.9 (35.9-37.6)_{oil}, (546) 53.2-55.1 (40.3-42.1)_{oil}, (589) 55.4-57.5 (42.5-44.3)_{oil}, (650) 58.5-60.1 (45.4-47.2)_{oil}

Cell Data: Space Group: $Cmc2_1$. a = 3.906(1) b = 17.5551(5) c = 6.957(2) Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mesamax Northwest deposit, Ungava region, Québec, Canada. 2.2454 (100), 0.8584 (56), 2.0567 (52), 1.2122 (50), 1.2842 (42), 2.0009 (40), 2.3029 (35)

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)
	S	0.02	
	Fe	0.11	
	As	0.31	
	Sb	35.75	36.39
	Pd	63.49	63.61
	Total	99.68	100.00

(1) Mesamax Northwest deposit, Ungava region, Québec, Canada; average of 69 electron microprobe analyses, corresponds to $(Pd_{1.995}Fe_{0.007})_{\Sigma=2.002}(Sb_{0.982}As_{0.014}S_{0.002})_{\Sigma=0.998}$. (2) Pd_2Sb .

Occurrence: In drill core through the contact zone between massive and disseminated sulfide mineralization hosted by amphibolite and serpentinite replacing pyroxenite and peridotite.

Association: Clinochlore monoclinic pyrrhotite, pentlandite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite, cobaltite, magnetite, sudburyite, electrum, altaite, and more rarely ungavaite, sperrylite, michenerite, petzite, hessite.

Distribution: From the Mesamax Northwest deposit, Cape Smith Fold belt, Ungava region, Québec, Canada.

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Type Material: Natural History Museum, London, England (BM 2004,34) and the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada (CNMMN 84397).

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