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## Ferrarisit z uranového ložiska Zálesí u Javorníka v Rychlebských horách (Česká republika)

Ferrarisite from the uranium deposit Zálesí in Rychlebské hory Mountains  
(Czech Republic)

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### Abstract

Very rare hydrated calcium arsenate, mineral ferrarisite, was found at the adit K4-2/1-3C (4<sup>th</sup> vein, level of the Gallery No. 2) of the abandoned uranium deposit Zálesí, Rychlebské hory Mountains, Silesia, Czech Republic. Ferrarisite occurs as colorless to white crystalline aggregates up to 9 × 6 mm with pearly lustre, formed by elongated tabular crystals resting on supergene altered carbonate gangue with nickelskutterudite and rammelsbergite. Associated minerals are arsenolite, annabergite, picropharmacolite, pharmacolite and guérinite. Ferrarisite is triclinic, space group *P*-1, the unit-cell parameters refined from X-ray powder diffraction data are: *a* 18.2918(16), *b* 6.7217(13), *c* 11.190(2) Å,  $\alpha$  106.206(14)°,  $\beta$  92.923(16)°,  $\gamma$  99.166(15)° and *V* 588.2(2) Å<sup>3</sup>. Chemical analyses of ferrarisite correspond to the empirical formula  $(\text{Ca}_{5.00}\text{Ni}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 5.01}(\text{AsO}_3\text{OH})_{1.99}(\text{AsO}_4)_{2.01} \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  on the basis of As 4 *apfu*. The origin of ferrarisite is interpreted as product of (sub)recent supergene alteration of primary arsenides in calcite gangue in environment of abandoned mine adits.

**Key words:** *ferrarisite, arsenates, supergene mineralization, X-ray powder data, unit-cell parameters, chemical composition, Zálesí deposit, Czech Republic*

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