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Enargite, tennantite-(Cu) and tangdanite from the Gápeľ copper deposit near Dobšiná, Spišsko-gemerské rudohorie Mts., Slovakia

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Abstract

A new occurrence of enargite, tennantite-(Cu) and tangdanite was recently discovered at the Gápeľ copper deposit near Dobšiná, Spišsko-gemerské rudohorie Mts., Rožňava Co., Košice Region, Slovakia. Enargite is rare mineral at the studied locality and it occurs as dark-grey, metallic, prismatic crystals up 2.5 mm with perfect cleavage, developed on fractures of quartz-dolomite gangue. Its refined unit-cell parameters (for the orthorhombic space group $Pmn2_1$) are: a 7.4031(7) Å, b 6.4321(6) Å, c 6.1466(7) Å and V 292.68(4) Å³. Its chemical composition corresponds to empirical formula $Cu_{3.04}As_{0.98}S_{3.98}$. Tennantite-(Cu) forms anhedral grains and aggregates replacing crystals of enargite. Its empirical formula is $Cu_{6.00}[Cu_{4.00}(Cu_{1.07}Fe_{0.64}Zn_{0.42})_{\Sigma 2.13}]As_{3.87}S_{13.04}$. Tangdanite occurs as turquoise-blue to blue-green radial aggregates up to 3 mm with silky lustre, developed on fractures of quartz gangue with partly weathered aggregates of minerals of the tennantite series. Its chemical composition corresponds to empirical formula $Ca_{2.12}(Cu_{8.77}Zn_{0.19})_{\Sigma 8.96}[(AsO_4)_{3.91}(PO_4)_{0.08}(SiO_4)_{0.01}]_{\Sigma 4.00}(SO_4)_{0.43}(OH)_{9.30} \cdot 9H_2O$.

Key words: enargite, tennantite-(Cu), tangdanite, chemical composition, siderite veins, Gápeľ copper deposit, Dobšiná, Gemeric Unit, Spišsko-gemerské rudohorie Mts., Slovak Republic

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