

# Stumpflite

# Pt(Sb, Bi)

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**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:*  $6/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$ . Massive grains, to a few tenths of a mm, intergrown with geversite.

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = n.d. VHN = 385 (50 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 13.52

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* In polished section, cream. *Luster:* Metallic. *Pleochroism:* Perceptible. *Anisotropism:* Strong, in brownish yellow.

$R_1$ – $R_2$ : (400) —, (420) 45.9–49.3, (440) 49.1–52.2, (460) 52.0–54.7, (480) 54.6–57.3, (500) 56.6–59.5, (520) 58.2–61.5, (540) 59.3–63.0, (560) 60.2–64.5, (580) 61.1–65.7, (600) 62.1–66.7, (620) 62.9–67.6, (640) 63.7–68.5, (660) 64.5–69.3, (680) 65.0–70.0, (700) 65.1–70.7

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P6_3/mmc$  (probable).  $a = 4.175(2)$   $c = 5.504(2)$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Driekop mine, South Africa. 3.027 (10), 2.192 (10), 2.088 (8), 3.618 (6), 1.512 (5), 1.720 (4), 1.224 (4)

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| <b>Chemistry:</b> |       | (1)  |
|                   | Pt    | 57.0 |
|                   | Sb    | 26.1 |
|                   | Bi    | 16.3 |
|                   | Total | 99.4 |

(1) Driekop mine, South Africa; by electron microprobe, corresponding to  $Pt_{1.00}(Sb_{0.73}Bi_{0.27})_{\Sigma=1.00}$ .

**Mineral Group:** Nickeline group.

**Occurrence:** In platinum concentrates from an ultramafic pipe deposit (Driekop mine, South Africa).

**Association:** Geversite, Pt–Fe alloys (Driekop mine, South Africa).

**Distribution:** From the Driekop mine, on the Merensky Reef, Bushveld complex, Transvaal, South Africa [TL]. From near Nizhni Tagil, Ural Mountains, Russia. In the Kelvon Grove prospect, near Fifield, New South Wales, Australia.

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