Håleniusite-(La) (La,Ce)OF

Crystal Data: Isometric. *Point Group:* $4/m \ \bar{3} \ 2/m$. As powdery coatings.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: n.d. Fracture: n.d. Tenacity: n.d. Hardness = n.d.

D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.5 Non-fluorescent in SW UV and LW UV.

Optical Properties: Translucent. Color: Yellow. Streak: n.d. Luster: [Earthy].

Optical Class: n.d.; probably isotropic. $n(calc) \approx 1.9$

Cell Data: Space Group: Fm3m. a = 5.6282(5) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Bastnäs deposit, Sweden.

3.25 (100), 1.991 (61), 1.6969 (46), 2.815 (31), 1.292 (15), 1.1486 (12), 1.6246 (9)

Chemistry:

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La_2O_3	39.29
Ce_2O_3	39.00
Pr_2O_3	4.06
Nd_2O_3	7.60
Sm_2O_3	0.28
Gd_2O_3	0.27
Y_2O_3	0.08
SiO_2	0.38
CaO	0.02
F	11.70
-O = F	4.93
Total	97.75

(1) Bastnäs deposit, Sweden; electron microprobe and EDS analyses, IR spectroscopy confirms absence of OH^- and CO_3^{2-} ; corresponding to

 $(La_{0.431}Ce_{0.425}Nd_{0.082}Pr_{0.044}Si_{0.011}Sm_{0.003}Gd_{0.003}Y_{0.001}Ca_{0.001})_{\Sigma=1.001}F_{1.10}O_{0.95}.$

Occurrence: Formed by alteration of primary bastnäsite-(La), most likely by a decarbonation reaction.

Association: Ferriallanite-(Ce), bastnåsite-(La), quartz.

Distribution: At the Bastnäs deposit, Skinnskatteberg District, Västmanland County, Sweden.

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Type Material: Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden; (no. 20030025).

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