

**Domerockite****Cu<sub>4</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>OH)(OH)<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O**

**Crystal Data:** Triclinic. *Point Group:*  $\bar{1}$ . As equant, short prismatic or tabular crystals to 0.3 mm, generally arranged in subparallel aggregates. Crystals display {100}, {010}, {001}, {212}, {0 $\bar{1}$  1}, and {0 $\bar{1}$  2}.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {001}. *Fracture:* Uneven. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = ~ 3 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.44

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Bluish green. *Streak:* Pale green. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.798(4)$   $\beta = 1.814(4)$   $\gamma = 1.817(4)$   $2V(\text{calc.}) = 46^\circ$  *Pleochroism:* Very weak, X = pale greenish yellow, Y = greenish blue, Z = greenish blue. *Absorption:* X < Y = Z.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{1}$ .  $a = 5.378(11)$   $b = 8.962(18)$   $c = 9.841(2)$   $\alpha = 75.25(3)^\circ$   $\beta = 83.56(3)^\circ$   $\gamma = 79.97(3)^\circ$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Dome Rock Mine, South Australia.

3.073 (100), 3.119 (60), 2.464 (50), 2.856 (40), 2.443 (40), 4.716 (30), 3.605 (30)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)	(2)
CuO	52.04	52.85
ZnO	0.78	
BaO	0.11	
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	37.67	38.17
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.32	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.24	
H <sub>2</sub> O	[8.84]	8.98
Total	100.00	100.00

(1) Dome Rock Mine, South Australia; average of 14 electron microprobe analyses, H<sub>2</sub>O by difference, AsO<sub>4</sub>, OH, H<sub>2</sub>O confirmed by Raman and FTIR spectroscopy; corresponding to (Cu<sub>3.94</sub>Zn<sub>0.06</sub>) $\Sigma=4.00$ H<sub>0.91</sub>(As<sub>1.97</sub>P<sub>0.03</sub>Si<sub>0.02</sub>) $\Sigma=2.02$ O<sub>8</sub>(OH)<sub>3.00</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O. (2) Cu<sub>4</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>OH)(OH)<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence:** A secondary mineral in a weathered Cu As sulfide deposit.

**Association:** Cobaltaustinite, agardite-(Y), arseniosiderite, clinoclase, erythrite, lavendulan, metazeuneite, olivenite, scorodite, smolyaninovite.

**Distribution:** From the Dome Rock Mine, Bush Heritage reserve, 42 km north of Mingary railway siding and ~470 km northeast of Adelaide, South Australia.

**Name:** For the mine that produced the first specimens.

**Type Material:** Department of Mineralogy, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia (G32329).

**References:** (1) Elliott, P., U. Kolitsch, A.C. Willis, and E. Libowitzky (2013) Description and crystal structure of domerockite, Cu<sub>4</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>OH)(OH)<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, a new mineral from the Dome Rock Mine, South Australia. *Mineral. Mag.*, 77(4), 509-522. (2) (2015) *Amer. Mineral.*, 100, 2006-2007 (abs. ref. 1).