

# Proudite

# $\text{Cu}_{0-1}\text{Pb}_{7.5}\text{Bi}_{9.3-9.7}(\text{S}, \text{Se})_{22}$

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:*  $2/m$ . As elongate to acicular grains or irregular laths.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* One good cleavage parallel to grain elongation, a second at an apparent angle of  $40^\circ$  to the first. Hardness = n.d. VHN = 38–87 (50 g load).  
D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 7.08

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* Silver-gray; in polished section, creamy white.  
*Pleochroism:* Strong, from cream-white to white. *Anisotropism:* Strong, from cream-gray to tan.  
 $R_1$ – $R_2$ : n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $C2/m$ .  $a = 31.96(1)$   $b = 4.12(1)$   $c = 36.69(3)$   $\beta = 109.52(3)^\circ$   
 $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Juno mine, Australia.  
2.960 (100), 2.059 (86), 3.494 (65), 2.066 (60), 3.834 (48), 3.224 (48), 3.447 (42)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
Cu	0.5	1.38
Pb	33.7	33.78
Bi	43.3	42.39
Se	14.0	12.02
S	9.9	10.43
Total	101.4	100.00

(1) Juno mine, Australia; by electron microprobe, average of 11 analyses; corresponds to  $\text{Cu}_{0.36}\text{Pb}_{7.36}\text{Bi}_{9.38}\text{S}_{13.97}\text{Se}_{8.03}$ . (2) “ideal” proudite –  $\text{Cu}_{1.00}\text{Pb}_{7.50}\text{Bi}_{9.33}\text{S}_{15.00}\text{Se}_{7.00}$ .

**Occurrence:** With large, presumably hydrothermal magnetite bodies (Juno mine, Australia).

**Association:** Gold, junoite, selenian heyrovskýite, krupkaite, magnetite (Juno mine, Australia).

**Distribution:** In Australia, from the Juno mine, Tennant Creek, Northern Territory [TL]. At Janos, Chihuahua, Mexico.

**Name:** Honors John S. Proud (1907–1997), a Director of the Peko-Wallsend mining company, developers of the Tennant Creek deposits.

**Type Material:** n.d.

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