
Lithium-Bearing Tosudite

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abstract: Lithium-bearing tosudite was found from a brittle clayey part of the Tooho " roseki" deposit, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. The chemical composition of the Li bearing tosudite was estimated as SiO_2 41.60%, Al_2O_3 36.40%, Fe_2O_3 1.82%, MgO 0.29%, CaO 0.38%, Li_2O 1.04%, Na_2O 0.14%, K_2O 0.38%, H_2O^+ 11.12% and H_2O^- 6.87% from the chemical composition of a specimen with associated impurities. The Li-bearing tosudite has the regularly interstratified structure of montmorillonite and dioctahedral chlorite in which Li is present in a gibbsite sheet as shown in the structural formula of interlayer cations $\text{K}_{0.16}$, $\text{Na}_{0.09}$, $\text{Ca}_{0.13} + 9.60 \text{H}_2\text{O}$; gibbsite sheet $\text{Li}_{1.36}$, $\text{Mg}_{0.14}$, $\text{Fe}_{0.45}$, $\text{Al}_{3.59}$ $(\text{OH})_{12.00}$; silicate layer $\text{Al}_{8.00}$ $(\text{Si}_{13.60}, \text{Al}_{2.40}) \text{O}_{40.00}$ $(\text{OH})_{8.00}$. The 29.48 Å reflection series of the Li-bearing tosudite moves to 31.3 Å after ethylene glycol treatment and to 23.3 Å on heating to 500° C for 1 hr.

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