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**MINERALOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THREE MICA STONE SAMPLES**

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## **MINERALOGICAL RESULTS**

### **SAMPLE: RED**

The Red sample composed entirely of silicates (~99 vol.%) with traces of opaque minerals. The non-opaque minerals mostly consist of composite polycrystalline quartz (~60%), mica (~25%), feldspar (~10%) with minor amounts of chlorite, zircon, amphibole, tourmaline and epidote. The proportion of feldspar in this sample was higher compared to other two samples.

The majority of the non-opaque grains were liberated (~90%). Large composite polycrystalline quartz grains (360 – 880 µm) were mostly free, while some were associated with mica and other minerals. Most of feldspar were within the size range of 40-180 µm.

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### **SAMPLE: GREEN**

The Green sample was predominantly composed of non-opaques (>95 vol.%), with minor amounts of opaque minerals. The non-opaques mainly consisted of composite polycrystalline quartz (~60%) and mica (~30%), with minor proportions of chlorite, feldspar, amphibole, zircon, tourmaline and epidote.

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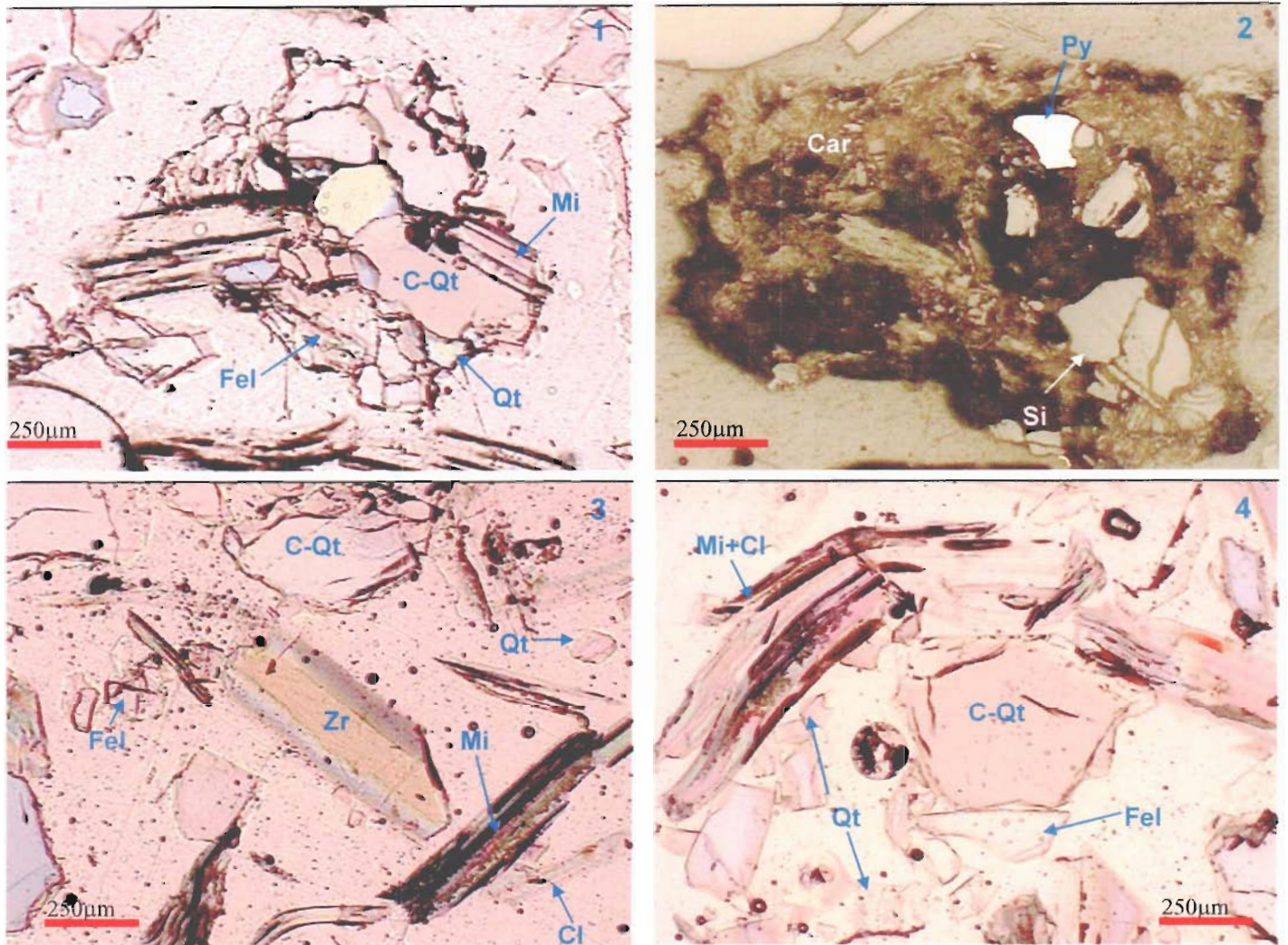
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## **PHOTOMICROGRAPHS**



**Figure 1:** photomicrograph showing the mineralogical composition and texture of three samples.

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**Comments:**

The mineralogical examination of the three samples indicated that all the samples were predominantly composed of non-opaque minerals (>95% vol.) with trace to minor amounts of opaques (mainly pyrite, chalcopyrite, and magnetite). The Red sample almost entirely consisted of non-opaques (~99%) with traces of fine disseminated opaque minerals. The proportion of opaques was more in Green and Black samples compared to Red sample.

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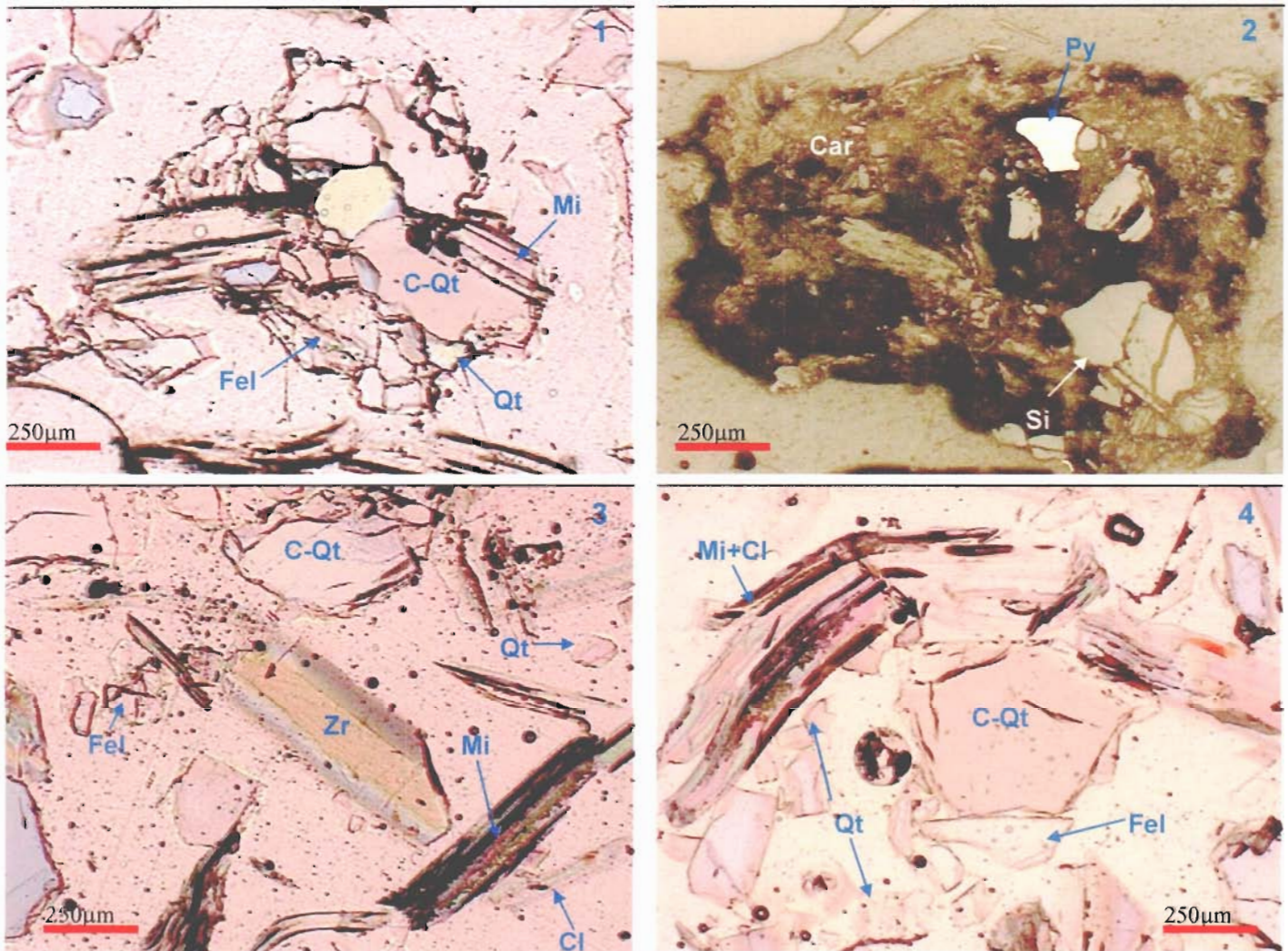
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**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

Sample ID	SiO2 %	Al2O3 %	Fe2O3 %	MgO %	CaO %	Na2O %	K2O %	TiO2 %	P2O5 %	MnO %	V2O5 %	Cr2O3 %	LOI %
1: Red	81.2	10.6	1.34	0.20	0.03	0.13	3.27	0.16	0.03	0.10	< 0.01	< 0.01	1.64
2: Green	83.2	9.51	1.77	0.28	0.04	0.13	2.95	0.29	0.03	0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	1.51
3: Black	68.4	16.7	4.50	0.80	0.66	0.24	5.35	0.33	0.04	0.05	< 0.01	< 0.01	2.65
4-DUP: Black	68.4	16.9	4.55	0.81	0.66	0.24	5.47	0.33	0.04	0.05	< 0.01	< 0.01	2.61

Sample ID	Sum %	Nb g/t	La g/t	Th g/t	Ta g/t	Ce g/t	W g/t	Zr g/t	Rb g/t	Ag g/t	Al g/t	As g/t	Ba g/t
1: Red	98.7	< 50	26	< 20	< 10	40	< 40	25	< 150	< 2	58000	< 30	1000
2: Green	99.7	< 50	26	< 20	< 10	52	< 40	41	< 150	< 2	51000	< 30	500
3: Black	99.7	< 50	83	< 20	< 10	150	< 40	59	< 150	< 2	91000	< 30	1900
4-DUP: Black	100.0	< 50	74	< 20	< 10	140	< 40	54	< 150	2	88000	< 30	1700

Sample ID	Be g/t	Bi g/t	Ca g/t	Cd g/t	Co g/t	Cr g/t	Cu g/t	Fe g/t	K g/t	Li g/t	Mg g/t	Mn g/t	Mo g/t
1: Red	1.2	< 20	1000	< 2	20	26	14	9300	32000	< 5	1100	790	< 5
2: Green	1.0	< 20	150	< 2	11	33	11	11000	26000	< 5	1100	52	< 5
3: Black	2.7	< 20	4900	< 2	15	31	10	32000	43000	< 5	4800	370	< 5
4-DUP: Black	2.6	< 20	4700	< 2	15	31	11	32000	46000	< 5	4600	370	< 5

Sample ID	Na g/t	Ni g/t	P g/t	Pb g/t	Sb g/t	Se g/t	Sn g/t	Sr g/t	Tl g/t	Tl g/t	U g/t	V g/t	Y g/t	Zn g/t
1: Red	1100	27	< 200	< 20	< 10	< 30	< 20	23	1000	< 30	< 20	20	2.6	35
2: Green	1100	< 20	< 200	< 20	< 10	< 30	< 20	12	1600	< 30	< 20	25	3.8	11
3: Black	2200	23	< 200	< 20	< 10	< 30	< 20	69	1900	< 30	< 20	21	61	42
4-DUP: Black	1700	22	< 200	< 20	< 10	< 30	< 20	66	2000	< 30	< 20	20	57	44

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