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RODINGITE ROCKS IN THE JURASSIC SERPENTINE MASSES FROM THE AREA OF 'RŽANOVO, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

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Abstract: Bodies of rodingite rocks have been discovered in the Jurassic serpentinized ultrabasic rocks in the 'Ržanovo nickel mine. Electronic microanalysis and microscopic analyses of rodingites determined the presence of garnet (hydroglossular-hibschite), diopside, chlorite, iron hornblende, actinolite, vesuvian, pumpellyite and prehnite.

Rodingites display gradual transition to associating gabbropegmatites indicating similar chemical composition, the only difference is that rodingites are enriched in CaO, and poor in MgO and FeO.

The pumpellyite + actinolite + chlorite assemblage and the structural-textural characteristics are indicators that rodingites were affected by regional metamorphism in conditions of pumpellyite + actinolite assemblage at temperatures from 250 to 300 °C and pressures of 2.5 to 3 kb.

Key words: rodingite; pumpellyite; actinolite; diopside; garnet; pumpellyite-actinolite facies

INTRODUCTION

Rodingite rocks occur in ultrabasic complexes particularly in the parts intensely affected by the process of serpentinization.

Based on data in literature available rodingites in the Republic of Macedonia have been found only in the Ljuboten ultrabasic serpentinized massive (Crnčević et al., 1964).

Activities during the excavation of nickeliferous ore in the 'Ržanovo mine revealed one meter large bodies of rodingite rocks representing a second occurrence of rodingites in ultrabasic complexes in the Republic of Macedonia. The first data on the petrographic composition of these serpentinized ultrabasic rocks from the area of

'Ržanovo was given by Marić (1931). Data on the geological composition of the terrain, the deposit and the mineralogical characteristics can be found in Ivanov (1960, 1969). Grafenauer and Strmole (1966) carried out mineralogical investigations on the ore from the 'Ržanovo ore series. The degree of metamorphism of lateritic Ni-Fe ores was investigated by Boev and Stojanov (1985). Mineralogical and geochemical investigations in the terrain can be found in the papers of Maksimović (1981), Boev (1982), Boev and Serafimovski (1992), Boev and Lepitkova (1994), Boev and Serafimovski (1995), Boev and Sijakova-Ivanova (1998).

GEOLOGICAL COMPOSITION OF THE 'RŽANOVO AREA

The area of 'Ržanovo is part of the Mount Kožuf massif situated in the south part of the Republic of Macedonia close to the Macedonian-Greek border (Fig. 1). Based on the tectonic regional geo-

logic setting of Macedonia the area under investigation is part of the Vardar zone. It is situated close to the contact between the Vardar zone and the Pelagonian massif in a tectonically active area.



Fig.1. Geographic position of the 'Ržanovo area

The geological composition of the area (Fig. 2) shows that it consists of several litostratigraphic units such as:

- limestones of Alb-Cenomanian age,
- lateritic metamorphosed Fe-Ni ores of Cretaceous age,

- a series of schists presumably of Cretaceous age,
- Jurassic serpentinitized ultramafic rocks with gabbropegmatites and rodingites,
- a series of Tertiary volcanic rocks and pyroclasts.

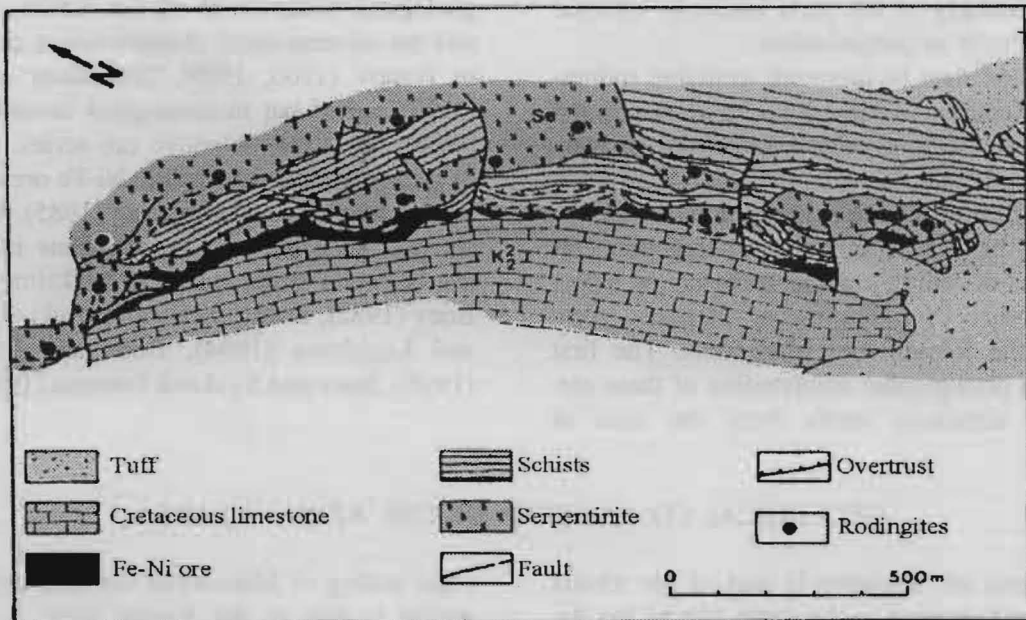


Fig. 2. Geological map of the 'Ržanovo area

Several large dislocations with serpentinized ultrabasic rocks along them intersect the terrain. The area of 'Ržanovo is a thrust zone with a series of parallel thrusts in which serpentinites, schists and marbelized limestones alternate.

Serpentinized ultrabasic rocks in which gabbropegmatites and rodingites also occur are part of the ophiolites of the western portion of the Vardar

zone. The ultramafic rocks also host rocks of ultrabasic affinity, dunites and harzburgites affected by serpentinization and are the most common. Basic rocks such as gabbros and diabases also occur.

The spatial distribution and relationship between individual members are not clear as a result of intense tectonic movements.

METHOD OF WORK

Determination of the mineralogical composition of rodingites was carried out with microscope in transmitted light and the method of electronic microanalysis. The method of electronic microanalysis carried out in the IGEM Institute in Moscow, Russia, determined the chemical composition of mineral phases.

The chemical composition of rodingites and metagabbropegmatites and their surrounding rocks was determined by the method of ordinary silicate analysis.

P-T conditions of regional metamorphism which affected rodingites and gabbropegmatites were determined by geothermobarometric method based on the chemical composition of individual metamorphic minerals.

Rodingites

Rodingite rocks from the 'Ržanovo area are situated mainly in the marginal parts of the serpentinized masses occurring as elongated one meter large blocks of variable thickness and distinct contacts with surrounding serpentinites.

They are hard and tenacious rocks of greater specific weight relative to gabbros. They are grey and grey-greenish to white depending on the garnet and chlorite contents. Their composition consists of hypidiomorphic grains and massive texture.

Microscopic investigations carried out with electronic microanalysis determined the following minerals: garnet (grossular-hibschite), monoclinic pyroxene (diopside), chlorite, amphibole (iron hornblende and actinolite), vesuvianite, pumpelite and prehnite. Garnets mainly substitute earlier plagioclases. Pyroxes are affected by processes of prehnitization, uralitization and chloritization. The relationships between minerals and the presence of pumpelite, actinolite and chlorite in rodingites and

gabbropegmatites are indications that these rocks were affected by processes of regional metamorphism.

Such mineralogic composition of the rodingites from 'Ržanovo makes them similar to the rodingites from the Ljuboten serpentine massif. The only difference is that our investigations did not discover any zoisite in the rodingites from 'Ržanovo and no pumpelite and amphibole in the rodingites from the Ljuboten serpentine massif.

Gabbropegmatites

Gabbropegmatites occurring as elongated intrusions (veins) are also found in association with rodingites. Gabbropegmatites are seldom found fresh. They occur as altered rocks displaying transition to rodingites owing to the process of rodingitization that they underwent. They are coarse-grained rocks with monoclinic system reaching 30 cm in size. They are predominantly made up of basic plagioclase and monoclinic pyroxene with minor amphibole, prehnite and chlorite. Pyroxenes were affected by the processes of chloritization and prehnitization. Plagioclases are also affected by alteration processes with sporadic occurrences of prehnite. This is an indication of encipient rodingitization of gabbropegmatites.

Chemical composition of rodingites

The chemical composition of rodingites is shown in Table 1. The chemical composition of gabbropegmatites as well as that of serpentinized harzburgites and dunites are also given for correlation purposes. Chemical analyses clearly indicate that with regard to the chemical composition rodingites show great similarity to gabbropegmatites. The greatest difference between the two types of rocks

Table 1

Chemical composition of rodingites, gabbropegmatites, and serpentinized harzburgites and dunites

| | Rodingites | Metagabbro- pegmatites | Harzburgite serpentinized | Dunite serpentinized |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SiO ₂ | 47.89 | 48.31 | 37.81 | 45.06 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.22 | 0.07 | 0.07 | — |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 13.54 | 15.61 | 5.09 | — |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 1.78 | — | 5.61 | 3.49 |
| FeO | 1.72 | 6.56 | 1.92 | 3.85 |
| MgO | 1.83 | 5.68 | 36.51 | 33.98 |
| CaO | 31.61 | 17.51 | 0.33 | 0.45 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.01 |
| K ₂ O | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.20 | 0.13 | — | 0.09 |
| H ₂ O | — | — | 12.75 | 12.46 |
| L.I.O | 0.90 | 5.15 | — | — |
| Total | 99.73 | 99.08 | 100.28 | 99.45 |

is in the increased amount of CaO in rodingites relative to gabbropegmatites. There is no significant difference in other component parts except for the small difference in the amount of MgO, Al₂O₃ and FeO in gabbropegmatites. Based on the chemical composition it can be inferred that rodingites were formed as a result of postmagmatic calcic metasomatism which supplied CaO to rodingites and extracted MgO and FeO causing the process of rodingitization of gabbropegmatites.

Chemical composition of the minerals

Chemical composition of clinopyroxene

The chemical composition of the clinopyroxene is shown in Table 2. Based on the chemical composition clinopyroxene was determined as diopside (Fig. 3).

Table 2

Microprobe analyses of clinopyroxenes from rodingites of 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| | 126/2 | 126/4 | 126/4/1 | 126/4/2 | 126/7 | 126/8 |
| SiO ₂ | 52.31 | 53.83 | 53.66 | 54.24 | 53.98 | 53.56 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.0 | 0.02 | 0.0 | 0.06 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 0.48 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.015 | 0.41 | 0.24 |
| FeO* | 12.46 | 5.49 | 6.19 | 5.79 | 4.86 | 6.49 |
| MnO | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.36 | 0.10 |
| MgO | 10.73 | 15.14 | 14.65 | 14.43 | 14.95 | 14.30 |
| CaO | 23.43 | 23.31 | 25.20 | 25.22 | 25.18 | 24.93 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.48 | 0.0 | 0.10 | 0.0 | 0.17 | 0.27 |
| K ₂ O | 0.01 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05 |
| Total | 99.97 | 97.96 | 99.95 | 99.97 | 99.91 | 99.94 |
| O = 6 | | | | | | |
| Si | 1.985 | 2.028 | 1.987 | 2.011 | 1.991 | 1.984 |
| Al ^{IV} | 0.015 | 0.0 | 0.002 | 0.0 | 0.009 | 0.010 |
| Al ^{VI} | 0.007 | 0.006 | 0.0 | 0.007 | 0.009 | 0.0 |
| Ti | 0.0 | 0.001 | 0.0 | 0.002 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Fe | 0.386 | 0.143 | 0.191 | 0.179 | 0.150 | 0.201 |
| Mn | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.011 | 0.003 |
| Mg | 0.607 | 0.850 | 0.809 | 0.797 | 0.822 | 0.790 |
| Ca | 0.953 | 0.941 | 1.000 | 1.002 | 0.995 | 0.990 |
| Na | 0.035 | 0.0 | 0.007 | 0.0 | 0.012 | 0.019 |
| K | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.002 |
| Cations | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 3.998 |
| Wo | 48.670 | 47.872 | 49.906 | 50.561 | 50.300 | 48.888 |
| En | 31.013 | 43.263 | 40.368 | 40.252 | 41.553 | 39.816 |
| Fs | 20.317 | 8.865 | 9.725 | 9.187 | 8.146 | 10.295 |

* Total Fe as FeO

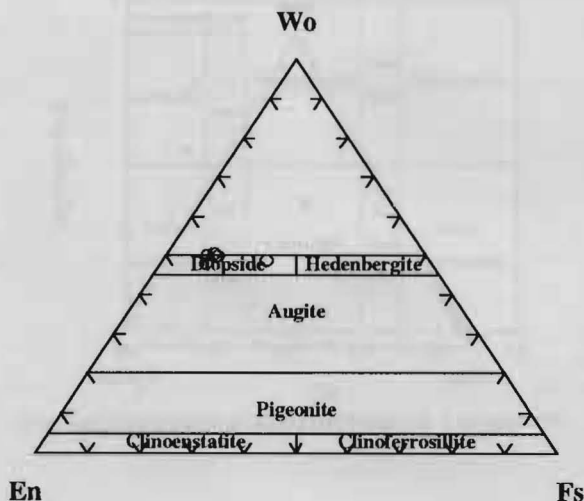


Fig. 3. Classification of pyroxenes on the Ca-Mg-Fe ternary diagram of Subcommittee of pyroxene (1988)

Chemical composition of garnet

The chemical composition of garnet was investigated in three grains along profile in order to determine their homogeneity. Data obtained indicate that there are no significant deviations in the chemical composition from centre to periphery and

the grains display fairly homogenous composition. Grossular is the predominant component part (Gros – 97.007 – 83.148), then follows Alm (16.298 – 2.793), whereas other component parts are much less common (Fig. 4). The chemical composition of garnets is shown in Table 3.

Table 3

Microprobe analyses of garnets in rodingites from 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 126/4 | 126/6 | | 126/7 | | 126/8 | | |
| | r | c | r | c | r | c | m | r |
| SiO ₂ | 39.41 | 38.97 | 37.79 | 38.23 | 38.10 | 39.17 | 38.97 | 39.41 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.0 | 0.05 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 19.95 | 21.17 | 22.18 | 16.48 | 17.82 | 21.45 | 20.65 | 20.55 |
| FeO* | 4.12 | 2.70 | 1.42 | 8.98 | 7.06 | 2.30 | 3.08 | 3.62 |
| MnO | 0.08 | 0.017 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.19 |
| MgO | 0.04 | 0.0 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.0 | 0.12 |
| CaO | 36.26 | 36.83 | 38.52 | 35.76 | 36.76 | 36.87 | 37.08 | 35.99 |
| Total | 99.96 | 99.96 | 99.96 | 99.63 | 99.97 | 99.94 | 99.90 | 99.93 |
| O = 12 | | | | | | | | |
| Si | 2.991 | 2.945 | 2.841 | 2.949 | 2.194 | 2.955 | 2.881 | 2.986 |
| Al ^{IV} | 0.009 | 0.055 | 0.159 | 0.051 | 0.086 | 0.045 | 0.119 | 0.014 |
| Al ^{VI} | 1.774 | 1.829 | 1.804 | 1.446 | 1.519 | 1.861 | 1.679 | 1.820 |
| Ti | 0.006 | 0.007 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.0 | 0.003 |
| Fe | 0.262 | 0.171 | 0.089 | 0.579 | 0.452 | 0.145 | 0.190 | 0.229 |
| Mn | 0.005 | 0.0 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.002 | 0.193 | 0.012 |
| Mg | 0.005 | 0.011 | 0.002 | 0.018 | 0.007 | 0.009 | 0.0 | 0.014 |
| Ca | 2.949 | 2.982 | 3.102 | 2.955 | 3.012 | 2.980 | 2.937 | 2.922 |
| Alm | 8.122 | 5.394 | 2.793 | 16.298 | 12.979 | 4.627 | 5.735 | 7.221 |
| Gross | 91.578 | 94.262 | 97.077 | 83.148 | 86.582 | 95.025 | 88.456 | 91.969 |
| Pyrope | 0.141 | 0.0 | 0.070 | 0.518 | 0.197 | 0.287 | 0.0 | 0.427 |
| Spess | 0.160 | 0.344 | 0.060 | 0.037 | 0.242 | 0.061 | 5.809 | 0.384 |

* Total Fe as FeO; c – core; m – middle; r – rim.

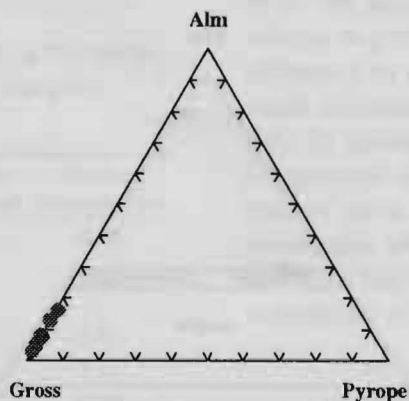


Fig. 4. Composition of garnets from rodingites

Chemical composition of amphiboles

The chemical composition of amphiboles is shown in Table 4. Because of their chemical com-

position amphiboles belong to calcite amphiboles. Amphibole in rodingites was classified as actinolite, and that in metagabbros was classified as Fe-hornblende (Leake, 1978) (Fig. 5).

Table 4

Microprobe analyses of Ca-amphiboles from rodingites (126/2) and metagabbro (126/5) of 'Ržanovo

| Sample | 126/2 | | 126/5 | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Act | Act | Fe-Hbl | Fe-Hbl | Fe-Hbl |
| Analyses | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 51.39 | 53.39 | 45.01 | 44.64 | 44.81 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.02 | 0.10 | 0.58 | 0.57 | 0.87 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 3.23 | 2.78 | 8.25 | 8.18 | 7.70 |
| FeO | 18.39 | 12.88 | 23.75 | 23.59 | 24.77 |
| MnO | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.21 |
| MgO | 12.07 | 17.15 | 7.54 | 7.48 | 6.96 |
| CaO | 11.85 | 11.01 | 11.35 | 11.28 | 11.30 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.63 | 0.43 | 1.33 | 1.32 | 0.03 |
| K ₂ O | 0.08 | 0.0 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.11 |
| Total | 97.73 | 97.81 | 98.06 | 97.30 | 97.70 |
| O = 23 | | | | | |
| Si | 7.607 | 7.632 | 6.850 | 6.877 | 6.865 |
| Al ^{IV} | 0.393 | 0.368 | 1.150 | 1.123 | 1.135 |
| T-site | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| Al ^{VI} | 0.170 | 0.100 | 0.328 | 0.361 | 0.254 |
| Ti | 0.002 | 0.011 | 0.066 | 0.000 | 0.100 |
| Fe ²⁺ | 2.141 | 1.107 | 2.613 | 2.569 | 2.406 |
| Fe ³⁺ | 0.023 | 0.127 | 0.282 | 0.353 | 0.650 |
| Mn | 0.009 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Mg | 2.663 | 3.655 | 1.711 | 1.718 | 1.590 |
| C-site | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Mn | 0.009 | 0.008 | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.027 |
| Fe | 0.112 | 0.305 | 0.128 | 0.117 | 0.118 |
| Ca | 1.879 | 1.686 | 1.851 | 1.862 | 1.855 |
| Na | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| B-site | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Na | 0.181 | 0.119 | 0.392 | 0.394 | 0.009 |
| K | 0.015 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.021 |
| A-site | 0.196 | 0.119 | 0.408 | 0.410 | 0.030 |
| Sum. cat. | 15.196 | 15.119 | 15.408 | 15.410 | 15.030 |

* Total Fe as FeO

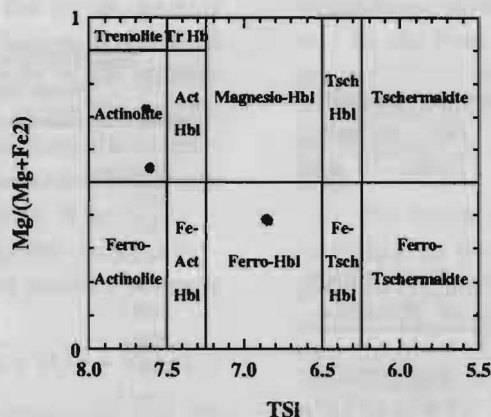


Fig. 5. Classification of the amphiboles (B. Leake, 1988)

Chemical composition of chlorites

The chemical composition of chlorites is shown in Table 5. Because of their chemical com-

position they are classified as the brunsvingite-piccnchlorite-clinochlorite series (Hey, 1954).

Table 5

Microprobe analyses of chlorites from rodingites of 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 126/2 | 126/4 | 126/4/1 | 126/5 | 126/6 | 126/7 | 126/7/1 | 126/8 | 126/8/1 |
| SiO ₂ | 28.77 | 30.08 | 29.31 | 26.07 | 28.73 | 30.83 | 32.34 | 30.00 | 28.06 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.0 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 18.43 | 17.76 | 19.38 | 19.60 | 19.14 | 17.72 | 17.56 | 17.37 | 18.98 |
| FeO* | 23.42 | 16.93 | 17.43 | 30.78 | 18.89 | 13.06 | 9.54 | 18.43 | 21.52 |
| MnO | 0.12 | 0.29 | 0.03 | 0.37 | 0.61 | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.22 |
| MgO | 17.66 | 22.17 | 21.47 | 11.10 | 20.78 | 24.89 | 27.76 | 21.35 | 19.04 |
| CaO | 0.03 | 0.45 | 0.28 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.05 | 0.10 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.29 | 0.24 | 0.14 | 0.01 | 0.17 |
| K ₂ O | 0.04 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.0 |
| Total | 88.64 | 87.86 | 88.05 | 88.19 | 88.56 | 87.19 | 87.89 | 87.62 | 88.09 |
| O = 28 | | | | | | | | | |
| Si | 5.907 | 6.030 | 5.864 | 5.630 | 5.788 | 6.093 | 6.210 | 6.068 | 5.755 |
| Al ^{IV} | 2.093 | 1.970 | 2.136 | 2.370 | 2.212 | 1.907 | 1.790 | 1.932 | 2.245 |
| Al ^{VI} | 2.364 | 2.223 | 2.430 | 2.614 | 2.329 | 2.212 | 2.181 | 2.206 | 2.339 |
| Ti | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.017 | 0.014 | 0.0 |
| Fe | 4.022 | 2.838 | 2.917 | 5.559 | 3.183 | 2.159 | 1.532 | 3.118 | 3.691 |
| Mn | 0.021 | 0.049 | 0.005 | 0.068 | 0.104 | 0.042 | 0.036 | 0.055 | 0.038 |
| Mg | 5.406 | 6.626 | 6.404 | 3.573 | 6.241 | 7.333 | 7.947 | 6.438 | 5.822 |
| Ca | 0.007 | 0.097 | 0.060 | 0.021 | 0.009 | 0.040 | 0.037 | 0.011 | 0.022 |
| Na | 0.068 | 0.070 | 0.058 | 0.067 | 0.113 | 0.092 | 0.052 | 0.004 | 0.068 |
| K | 0.010 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.006 | 0.021 | 0.003 | 0.007 | 0.003 | 0.0 |
| Cations | 19.898 | 19.902 | 19.874 | 19.908 | 20.000 | 19.886 | 19.809 | 19.849 | 19.980 |
| Fe/Fe + Mg | 0.43 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.61 | 0.34 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.33 | 0.39 |

* Total Fe as FeO

*Chemical composition of pumpellyite, prehnite
and vesuvianite*

Among other minerals present in rodingites the chemical analyses carried out included pumpellyite (Table 6), prehnite (Table 7) and vesuvianite (Table 8).

Table 6

Microprobe analyses of pumpellyites from rodingites (126/2) and metagabbro 126/1 of 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| | 126/1 | 126/1/1 | 126/1/2 | 126/2 | 126/2/1 |
| SiO ₂ | 36.11 | 37.71 | 37.34 | 38.05 | 37.63 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.04 | 0.0 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.05 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 29.00 | 25.16 | 26.63 | 25.99 | 25.79 |
| FeO* | 2.91 | 4.32 | 4.13 | 3.26 | 4.18 |
| MnO | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| MgO | 1.32 | 2.38 | 1.30 | 2.89 | 2.45 |
| CaO | 23.49 | 23.21 | 23.27 | 22.92 | 22.55 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.36 | 0.0 | 0.29 | 0.13 | 0.0 |
| K ₂ O | 0.08 | 0.0 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.0 |
| Total | 93.44 | 92.93 | 93.15 | 93.35 | 92.76 |
| O = 14 | | | | | |
| Si | 6.581 | 6.944 | 6.853 | 6.924 | 6.914 |
| Al | 6.224 | 5.456 | 5.756 | 5.570 | 5.581 |
| Ti | 0.005 | 0.0 | 0.008 | 0.0 | 0.017 |
| Fe | 0.444 | 0.665 | 0.634 | 0.496 | 0.642 |
| Mn | 0.020 | 0.023 | 0.014 | 0.015 | 0.006 |
| Mg | 0.359 | 0.653 | 0.356 | 0.784 | 0.671 |
| Ca | 4.587 | 4.579 | 4.576 | 4.469 | 4.439 |
| Na | 0.127 | 0.0 | 0.103 | 0.046 | 0.0 |
| K | 0.019 | 0.0 | 0.009 | 0.002 | 0.0 |

*Total Fe as FeO

Table 7

Microprobe analyses of prehnites from rodingites from secondary veins of 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|
| | 126/5 | 126/5 | 126/5/1 |
| SiO ₂ | 37.76 | 43.84 | 43.72 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.87 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 25.55 | 24.32 | 23.81 |
| FeO* | 4.82 | 0.19 | 0.38 |
| MnO | 0.21 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| MgO | 1.97 | 0.11 | 0.0 |
| CaO | 23.02 | 26.65 | 26.85 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.04 |
| K ₂ O | 0.01 | 0.0 | 0.02 |
| Total | 96.57 | 95.33 | 95.69 |
| O = 12 | | | |
| Si | 2.966 | 3.293 | 3.281 |
| Al | 2.364 | 2.149 | 2.102 |
| Ti | 0.003 | 0.016 | 0.049 |
| Fe | 0.316 | 0.012 | 0.024 |
| Mn | 0.014 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mg | 0.232 | 0.012 | 0.0 |
| Ca | 1.940 | 2.145 | 2.159 |
| Na | 0.028 | 0.022 | 0.044 |
| K | 0.001 | 0.0 | 0.002 |

*Total Fe as FeO

Table 8

Microprobe analyses of vesuvianites from rodingites of 'Ržanovo

| Analyses | S a m p l e | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| | 126/4 | 126/4/1 | 126/8 |
| SiO ₂ | 38.12 | 37.73 | 36.61 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.21 | 0.18 | 0.20 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 18.91 | 17.60 | 16.92 |
| FeO* | 4.09 | 6.61 | 4.81 |
| MnO | 0.15 | 0.23 | 0.0 |
| MgO | 0.64 | 0.99 | 2.25 |
| CaO | 34.72 | 34.13 | 36.65 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.0 | 0.13 | 0.06 |
| K ₂ O | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 96.84 | 97.60 | 97.50 |
| O = 38 | | | |
| Si | 9.553 | 9.516 | 9.270 |
| Al | 5.576 | 5.221 | 5.038 |
| Ti | 0.039 | 0.035 | 0.038 |
| Fe | 0.854 | 1.389 | 1.015 |
| Mn | 0.032 | 0.084 | 0.0 |
| Mg | 0.241 | 0.374 | 0.854 |
| Ca | 9.324 | 9.223 | 9.943 |
| Na | 0.0 | 0.064 | 0.030 |
| K | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

*Total Fe as FeO

P-T conditions of metamorphism

The Pm + Act + Chl mineral paragenesis discovered in rodingites and gabbropegmatites is an indication of the conditions for regional metamorphism in pumpellyite-actinolite facies (Hashimoto, 1966). According to the degree of metamorphism this facies represents the transition from the very low to low degree metamorphism or the transition from pumpellyite-prehnite quartz facies to greenschist facies (Winckler, 1979).

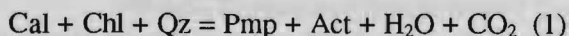
Mineral parageneses, chemical composition of individual important metamorphic minerals and their reaction curves of stability were used during the determination the P-T conditions of metamorphism.

The chemical composition of actinolite was used in estimating the pressure. The Brown geobarometer (1977) yielded P ranging from 2.5 to 3 kb.

Diegel and Ghent (1994) give a model for P-T stability of minerals in the prehnite-pumpellyite facies with a transition towards the greenschist facies in metabasic rocks from the vicinity of Flin Flon - Manitoba, Canada, with Phr + Pmp + Act + Ep assemblage. The model is given for the CMASH-CO₂ system by the calculation for multiplied isobaric T-XCO₂ and P-T diagrams.

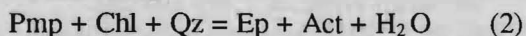
The mineral assemblage in the metarodingites and metagabbropegmatites in 'Ržanovo is identical to the one found in metabasic rocks in the vicinity of Flin Flon – Manitoba, Canada, except for epidote. Thus, the P-T conditions obtained from the investigations carried out on the assemblages in Canada can be used for comparison in the case of 'Ržanovo.

The development of the Pmp-Act mineral parageneses according to the present authors is given by the reaction:



The P from 2.5 to 3 kb determined for the rocks from the 'Ržanovo Pmp + Act paragenesis is stable at T of around 250 °C.

The break down of the Pmp + Chl paragenesis is given by the reaction:

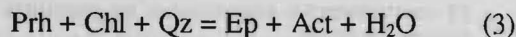


Since epidote was not found in our case it would mean that the maximum P-T stability of Pmp + Chl assemblage was not reached so that the assemblage

would break down and yield epidote. At P from 2.5 to 3 kb the Pmp + Chl assemblage is stable at T of around 270 to 280 °C.

Nitsch (1971) gives the following P-T data for the reaction (2): 345 ± 20 °C / 2.5 kb, 350 ± 20 °C / 7 kb.

The break down of the Prh + Chl assemblage according to the opinion of the present authors is given by the reaction



The lack of epidote in the rocks from 'Ržanovo is an indication that P-T conditions were not sufficient enough for the break down of the Prh-Chl assemblage. For pressure of 2.5 to 3 kb the assemblage is stable at temperature of around 280 °C.

From what was said above one can arrive at the conclusion that metarodingites and metagabbropegmatites investigated were metamorphosed at temperatures between 250 to 300 °C and pressures of 2.5 to 3 kb.

CONCLUSION

Based on investigations carried out the following conclusions can be drawn:

– Since rodingites display transition to gabbropegmatites there is no doubt that they were formed by gabbropegmatite alteration. They formed during medium temperature process of rodingitization by recrystallization of gabbropegmatite bodies. Rodingitization took place with the supply of calcium to rodingites or Ca-metasomation and extraction of Mg and Fe from them.

– Rodingites are similliar in composition to gabbropegmatites, differing only in the higher CaO

and the lower MgO and FeO contents. They display significant variation in the chemical composition from surrounding serpentinized ultrabasic rocks.

– Pumpellyite, actinolite and chlorite found in rodingites indicate that the rocks were affected by the process of regional metamorphism in a pumpellyite-actinolite facies at temperatures from 250 to 300 °C and pressures from 2.5 to 3 kb.

The successive order of formation of mineral phases in rodingites depending on the individual phases is given in Table 9.

Table 9

Dependence between individual phases and minerals

| Stages | Rodingitizations | Pum-Act facies |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| Minerals | | |
| Diopside | ----- | |
| Garnet | ----- | |
| Actinolite | | ----- |
| Fe-hornblende | ----- | |
| Pumpellyite | | ----- |
| Prehnite | ----- | ----- |
| Chlorite | | ----- |
| Vesuvianite | ----- | |

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Резиме

РОДИНГИТСКИ СТЕНИ ВО ЈУРСКИТЕ СЕРПЕНТИНСКИ МАСИ
ОД ПОДРАЧЈЕТО НА 'РЖАНОВОБлажо Боев¹, Војо Мирчовски¹, Сергеј Кориковски²¹Рударско- геолошки факултет, Штип, Република Македонија.²Институт за геологија, рудни наоѓалииџа, петрографија, минералогска и геохемија, Руска академија на науките, Спаромонениџи џер. 35, Москва, 109017 Русија.**Клучни зборови:** родингит; пумпелит; актинолит; диопсид; гранат; пумпелит-актинолитска фаџија

Во јурските серпентинизирани ултрабазични стени во рудникот за никел 'Ржаново се пронајдени метарски тела од родингитски карпи. Со електронска микроанализа и со микроскопски испитувања во родингитите се одредени следните минерали: гранат (хидрогросулар-хипсит), диопсид, хлорит, железна хорнбленда, актинолит, везувит, пумпелит и пренит.

Родингитите покажуваат постепен преод кон габропегматитите кои се во асоџијаџа со нив, а со нив

имаат и сличен хемиски состав со таа разлика што родингитите се збогатени со CaO, а оспромашени со MgO и FeO.

Минералната асоџијаџа пумпелит, актинолит, хлорит, како и структурно текстурните карактеристики укажуваат дека родингитите се зафатени со регионален метаморфизам во услови на пумпелит-актинолитската фаџија при *T* од 250–300 °C и *P* од 2,5–3 kb.