

Specimens from the Pyramid mine, Scamander

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Three hand specimens from the Pyramid mine at Scamander have been examined for tin content.

1. A small piece of massive fine grained pale grey quartzite with irregular black anastomosing veinlets 1–5 mm thick. The black veinlets consist of quartz darkened by very fine dust-like inclusions, possibly iron oxides. Only one minute grain of cassiterite was found, and this may have been due to contamination from the other specimens.
2. A very fine grained oxidised rock, probably a siltstone with an irregular chain or network of veinlets mostly 1–3 mm thick. The veinlets consist very largely of brownish cassiterite with a little quartz which has been caught up in the veinlets.
3. A medium to fine-grained quartzite stained by iron oxides and containing an irregular dark brown vein, varying in thickness from 4 mm to 20 mm. The vein consists of cassiterite and quartz.

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