

T8635 : serpentine-carbonate schist;
 (completely altered pyroxene-
 bearing dunite)

The schistosity of this rock is defined by fine, parallel shredded streaky foliae, of cross fibre, colourless serpentine.

The matrix to these vein-like foliae consists of randomly oriented lenses of cross fibre serpentine of a pale lemon-yellow colour, with fibrous colourless serpentine between.

Accessory (1 - 2%) fragmented opaque crystals (chromite ?) up to 0.5 mm across are healed by fibrous serpentine and randomly disposed. Aggregates of granular carbonate (10 - 12%) to 3 mm across, are randomly scattered through the serpentine.

Rarely the serpentine may have the form of bastite pseudomorphs after orthopyroxene grains 2 - 3 mm long.

The original rock was probably an orthopyroxene-bearing dunite.