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GEOLOGY AND RADIOACTIVITY OF PERALUMINOUS GRANITE AND ASSOCIATED PEGMATITE HOSTING MAGNETITE MINERALIZATION AT UM REGEBA AREA, SOUTHEASTERN DESERT, EGYPT

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ABSTRACT

The study area represents the southeastern part of Wadi El-Gemal-Hafafit culmination in the south Eastern Desert of Egypt. Magnetite mineralization occurs in Wadi El-Gemal area in many localities, Um Regeba area is the case study.

Petrographically, the studied peraluminous granites (PG) are medium- to coarse-grained and mainly composed of plagioclase (An_{5-10}) , K-feldspar, quartz, biotite and muscovite. Sericite and chlorite are secondary minerals, while allanite and zircon are the common accessories. The peraluminous pegmatites (PP) are coarse-grained and composed essentially of K-feldspar, quartz, plagioclase (An_{6-10}) , muscovite and biotite. Titanite, allanite, zircon and magnetite are common accessories.

Geochemically, the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites are monzogranite and syeno- to alkali feldspar granite respectively. They have peraluminous character, calc alkaline and alkaline affinities respectively, emplaced in within plate setting, crystallized under water–vapor pressure (2-3 Kb), temperature from 760° to 800° C, pertaining to the I-type granite originated by highly differentiated magma generated from upper mantle contaminated with some crustal materials.

Magnetite usually occurs as small lumps, concentrated by to accumulation in magmatic segregations that developed in response to fractional crystallization. Magnetite showed lamellar intergrowth with ilmenite. The latter can be seen with a hand lens in most magnetite samples. The magnetite of Um Regeba area represents a late stage magmatic product. From the microprobe results, magnetite is characterized by high content of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, CoO and Cr₂O₃, whereas ilmenite is characterized by high content of MnO and ZnO. The average eU content in the peraluminous granites is 1.96 ppm, while it reaches 5.65 ppm for eTh. The average eU content in the peraluminous pegmatites is 9.12 ppm, while the average eTh content is 21.76 ppm.

INTRODUCTION

Peraluminous granitic segregations are commonly associated with regionally metamorphosed terrains (Clemens and Wall, 1981), Debon et. al. (1986), Inger and Harris (1993). Numerous mechanisms have been proposed to explain the derivation of these segregations from the metamorphosed host

rock. Partial melting of metapelites is still the most widely accepted model for the generation of these peraluminous granites (Holtez and Barbey, 1991). The breakdown of the hydrous silicates in these pelites (such as muscovite and biotite minerals) produces most of the water required for this partial melting process (Fyfe, 1969).

Four principal mechanisms for the formation of peraluminous granites have previously been advocated (Mohamed and Hassanen, 1997): (1) the peraluminous granite is directly linked to peraluminous source rocks, (2) the peraluminous granite may, at least in part, be the result of reaction with host rocks, (3) the peraluminous granite has been derived from meta-aluminous magmas by fractional crystallization and (4) the peraluminous granite is at least in part if not wholly, the result of interaction between late stage magmas or subsolidus rocks and hydrothermal fluids.

In Egypt, the peraluminous granites represent phases of orogenic to late orogenic. Their quartz veins are rich in -Mo, Sn, W, U, Nb and -Ta mineralization within the granitic rocks (Takla and Nowier, 1980).

Most of the pegmatites are usually associated with granitoid rocks, but little is incorporated with mafic-ultramafic rocks. The pegmatites can be roughly categorized according to their alkali concentration ratios, as follows: primitive pegmatites, intermediate pegmatites and evolved pegmatite (Jolliff et al., 1992).

Granitic pegmatite magma is peraluminous and characterized by enrichment in volatiles such as F, P, B and/or H₂O. It has been demonstrated that such volatiles have a significant influence on the evolution of the pegmatite magma, the temperatures of the solidus and liquids of the magma, the viscosity of the silicate melt, the crystallization sequence of minerals and also on the partition behavior of trace elements between fluid and melt (Černý and Meintzer 1985; Webster and Rebbert, 1998; London, 1987; Ding-well et al., 1998, Bai and Van Groas, 1999, Keppler and Wyllie, 1991 and Keppler, 1993).

Magnetite occurs in the peraluminous pegmatites and granites in many localities of W. El Gemal area, especially in El Mokhattata area. The Um Regeba area is the case study for this mineralization and this is the first record of magnetite mineralization in the area. Magnetite forms under a wide variety of con-

ditions, crystallizing at high temperature from silicate, sulfide and carbonatite magmas or it can precipitate at lower temperatures from hydrothermal fluids. These different conditions may lead to distinctive trace element signatures for the magnetite. It is possible to use the trace element signature of magnetite as petrogenetic and provenance indicators (Dare et al., 2013).

The main target of this work is to study the magnetite mineralization as well as the hosting peraluminous granites and pegmatites of Um Regeba area geologically, geochemically, mineralogically and radiometrically.

METHODS OF STUDY

Detailed petrographic examination was carried out to study the mineral constituents and textural patterns of the rock. Fourteen samples (14) were chemically analyzed for major and trace elements from the peraluminous granites (9 samples) and peraluminous pegmatites (5 samples). The heavy minerals were separated using heavy liquid (bromoform), followed by magnetic separation using Frantz Isodynamic Separator. The obtained fractions magnetic and non-magnetic were investigated under binocular microscope. All analyses were carried out in the Laboratories of Nuclear Materials Authority (NMA), Cairo, Egypt. Some individual grains of magnetite were picked and analyzed by X-ray diffraction (XRD) method (in the Laboratories of NMA), and the backscattered electron images were performed at the Microscopy and Microanalyses Facility, University of New Brunswick (UNB), Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada (model JEOL 6400 SEM).

GEOLOGIC SETTING

The studied area is located about 80 km SW of Marsa Alam city on the Red Sea Coast (Fig. 1), between lat. 24° 31' 40" - 24° 38' 20" N and long. 34° 37' 30"- 34° 50' E. It represents the southeastern most part of the Nugrus-Hafafit culmination in the south Eastern Desert (Figs. 1& 2).

The exposed rocks were classified (Greiling, 1990) into the following litho-tectonic units: 1) psammitic gneiss, mostly quartz rich meta-psammites, meta-conglomerates and subordinate meta-pelites; 2) Migif-Hafafit gneisses and associated ultramafic and calcalkaline igneous assemblages, granitoids and metasediments, generally medium metamorphic grade; 3) white gneissic granodiorite, trondhjemite, tonalite complex; 4) peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites bearing magnetite (the present study); 5) lateorogenic granitoids (microgranite, felsite and

aplite),(Fig. 2).

The Um Regeba peraluminous granites are characterized by white colour, mediumto coarse-grained and occasionally pegmatitic. The former were emplaced into the older rocks in NNW-SSE trend (striking 350°) (Figs. 3 and 4) close to the major Nugrus thrust. The peraluminous granites contain - in parts - xenoliths from the older rocks; these enclaves form lenses usually exceeding 10 cm in length. The peraluminous pegmatites occur as dyke–like bodies of variable

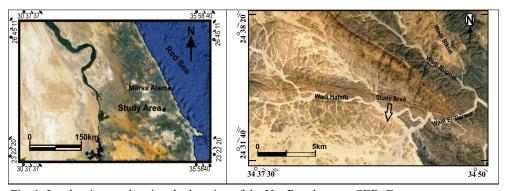


Fig. 1: Landsat image showing the location of the Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt

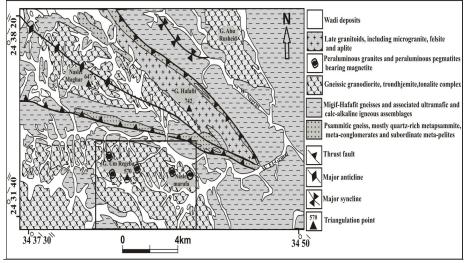


Fig. 2: Geological map of Wadi El Gemal area, the rectangular part is the Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt (Modified after Greiling, 1990)

dimensions intruding the granodiorite of the studied area with sharp contact (Fig. 3). They vary from few centimeters to few meters in width and length, and mostly concordant with the common NW-SE trend of the enclosing granites as well as the other country rocks all - over the area (Fig. 4). The magnetite mineralization is associated with the peraluminous pegmatites (Figs. 5 and 6).

PETROGRAPHY

Peraluminous Granites

The peraluminous granites are mediumto coarse-grained, mainly composed of pla-



Fig. 3: General view of peraluminous granites (monzogranite) in G. Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt, Looking NNW



Fig. 4: The sharp contact between peraluminous granites (monzogranite) and granodiorite in G. Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt, Looking NNW



Fig. 5: Peraluminous pegmatites bearing magnetite, G. Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt, Looking NNW



Fig. 6: Overview showing individual magnetite crystals, G. Um Regeba area, SED, Egypt

gioclase, K-feldspar, quartz, biotite and muscovite. Sericite and chlorite are the secondary minerals, while allanite and zircon are the common accessories.

Plagioclase is presented by albite (An₅₋₁₀), which occurs as twinned subhedral to euhedral crystals exhibiting wide range of grain sizes, enclosing sometimes fine crystals of quartz (Fig. 7). The former shows varied degrees of alteration to clay minerals (Fig. 8). Sometimes, it shows corrosion boundaries with quartz (Fig. 9). **K-feldspars** are represented by microcline and microcline microperthite. Microcline microperthite is observed in subordinate amount as anhedral to subhedral crystal showing the characteristic cross-hatching or tartan pattern (Fig. 10), as a



Fig. 7: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing plagioclase with albite twinning enclosing fine crystals of quartz, XPL



Fig. 8: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing plagioclase altered to clay minerals, XPL



Fig. 9: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing plagioclase corroded by quartz, XPL

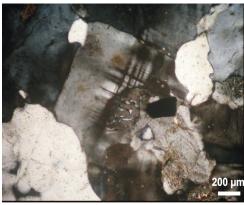


Fig. 10: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing microcline crystal with myrmikitic texture, XPL

result of albite and pericline twins' combination (Deer et. al., 1992). Myrmekitic texture is occasionally present due to the replacement of plagioclase by K-feldspar (Fig. 11). Ouartz occurs as subhedral to anhedral crystals interstitial between the feldspar crystals. Drop like inclusions of quartz are frequently poikilitically enclosed in the feldspar crystals. **Biotite** is the dominant mafic mineral, occurs as euhedral to subhedral crystals. It occurs as brown colour flakes (Fig. 12) variably altered to chlorite. Muscovite occurs as euhedral to subhedral colourless flakes. Allanite occurs as brown euhedral yellowish crystals associated with zircon and iron oxides. Zircon occurs as euhedral to subhedral prismatic crystals, associated with quartz and iron oxides.

Peraluminous Pegmatites

The pegmatite pockets are composed essentially of *K-feldspar* which is mostly represented by orthoclase. Orthoclase occurs as euhedral to subhedral crystals showing simple twinning and occasionally kaolinized. *Quartz* occurs as subhedral to anhedral crystals, some crystals show undulose extinction and irregular boundaries. *Plagioclase* is acidic in composition (An₆₋₁₀) exists as euhedral to subheral crystals. It exhibits albite and Carlsbad twinning and occasionally antiperthitic.



Fig. 11: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing myrmikitic texture, XPL

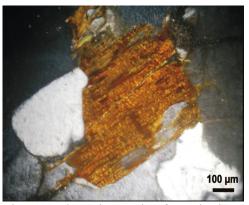


Fig. 12: Photomicrograph of peraluminous granites showing brown flake of biotite, XPL

Sericitization and kaolinization are encountered. *Muscovite* forms subhedral to anhedral flakey crystals, sometimes interstitially filled the space between the major constituents. *Biotite* occurs as subhedral flakey crystals stained with iron oxides. *Zircon* occurs as euhedral to subhedral prismatic crystals, associated with quartz, allanite and iron oxides (Fig. 13). *Allanite* occurs as euhedral yellowish brown crystals associated with zircon and iron oxides, and sometimes result from the alteration of epidote (Fig. 14). *Titanite* forms subhedral to anhedral rhombic crystals, associated with biotite. *Magnetite* occurs as subhedral to anhedral crystals usually associ-

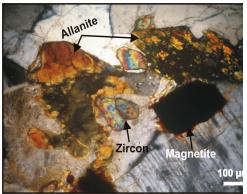


Fig. 13: Photomicrograph of peraluminous pegmatites showing association of zircon, allanite and magnetite, XPL



Fig. 14: Photomicrograph of peraluminous pegmatites showing alteration of epidote to allanite and association with magnetite, XPL

ated with the mafic constituents.

GEOCHEMISTRY

The data of chemical analyses (major oxides, trace elements and normative values) are given in Table (1). The general characteristics of the granitic rocks depend on the behavior and distribution of the major and trace elements. The average chemical composition of the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites when compared with Group II the younger granites of the Eastern Desert (Greenberg, 1981). They show increasing in Al $_2\mathrm{O}_3$, MgO, CaO (PG), Na $_2\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{P}_2\mathrm{O}_5$ decreasing in SiO $_2$, TiO $_2$, Fe $_2\mathrm{O}_3$, CaO

Table 1: The major oxides, trace elements analyses and normative values of the studied peraluminous granites and peralumious pegmatites of G. Um Regeba, SED, Egypt

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
74.2	73.88	74.61	73.62	73.1	74.95	73.62	73.1	74.9	74.10	74.2	73.8	74.5	74.8
0.12	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.02
14.1	15.2	13.87	13.82	13.67	14.22	13.88	13.90	14.1	13.6	13.5	13.8	13.10	12.80
0.39	0.33	0.51	0.3	0.34	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.44	0.30	0.25	0.30	0.20	0.10
0.65	0.75	0.98	0.82	0.96	0.88	0.96	0.95	0.97	0.60	0.50	0.70	0.40	0.30
0.01	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.01	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.04
0.35	0.75	0.39	0.77	1.03	0.42	1.09	1.27	0.35	0.08	0.35	0.09	0.06	0.04
1.45	1.12	0.58	1.1	1.25	1.42	1.22	1.25	1.33	0.40	0.07	0.50	0.30	0.20
4	4.01	4.25	3.95	4	4.11	4	3.91	3.87	4.15	4.22	4.10	4.30	4.40
3.93	3.83	3.89	3.85	3.98	3.92	4	3.86	3.67	4.30	4.35	4.20	4.50	4.60
0.12	0.1	0.02	0.04	0.12	0.09	0.1	1.09	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01
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(PP) and K₂O. The average chemical composition of the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites show increasing in SiO₂, Na₂O, MnO (PP), K₂O (PP) and P₂O₅ (PG) and decreasing in TiO₂, Al₂O₃, Fe, O, FeO, MnO (PG), MgO (PP), CaO, K₂O (PG) and P₂O₅ (PP) when compared with average of world granites (Le Maitre, 1976). When compared with G. Nasb Aluba (Saleh, 1992), they show increasing in SiO₂, MgO (PG) and Na₂O and decreasing in TiO₂, Al,O₃, FeO, CaO, MgO (PP) K₂O and P₂O₅. When compared with the muscovite granite at Sikait I (Mahmoud, 2009), they show increasing TiO₂, Al₂O₃ (PG), MnO (PP), MgO (PG), CaO (PG), K₂O, Na₂O and P₂O₅ and decreasing in SiO2, Al2O3 (PP), MnO (PG), MgO (PP), CaO (PP), FeO. When compared with granitic rocks of Egyptian granite (Aly and Moustafa, 1984), they show increasing SiO₂, Al,O₃ (PG), MgO, MnO (PP), Na,O, K,O (PP) and P₂O₅ (PG) and decreasing in TiO₂ Fe₂O₃, FeO, MnO, K,O (PG) and P,O, (PP). It is nearly compatible with the average chemical composition of Egyptian granites of Aly and Moustafa, 1984, (Table 2). On the Ab-An-Or ternary diagram (O'Connor, 1965), the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites lie in granite field (Fig. 15). On the R₁-R₂ discrimination diagram of De La-Roche et al. (1980), the peraluminous granites fall in the monzogranite field (Fig. 16)

(one sample lies in the syenogranite field), while the peraluminous pegmatites plot in syeno- to alkali feldspar granite. The studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites have peraluminous characters according to the alumina saturation of Clarke (1981) on Shand's index diagram (Fig. 17). On the discrimination plot of Sylvester (1989) the studied peraluminous granites lie in the calc-

Table 2: Comparison between the average chemical compositions of the studied peraluminous granites and some Egyptian and Worldwide granites

Major Oxides	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SiO ₂	73.99	74.28	74.80	71.3	70.82	76.76	73.2
TiO ₂	0.05	0.04	0.15	0.31	0.29	0.02	0.22
Al_2O_3	14.08	13.36	12.80	14.3	14.17	13.50	13.7
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.88	0.50	1.09	1.2	n. d.	n.d.	1.1
FeO	0.36	0.23	n. d.	1.64	1.71	0.40	0.97
MnO	0.04	0.06	n. d.	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05
MgO	0.71	0.124	0.11	0.71	0.45	0.39	0.46
CaO	1.19	0.294	0.57	1.84	2.46	0.93	1.19
Na ₂ O	4.01	4.23	3.99	3.68	3.86	3.59	3.84
K_2O	3.88	4.39	4.62	4.1	4.46	3.82	4.28
P ₂ O ₅	0.19	0.018	0.05	0.12	1.69	0.01	0.11

- n. d.: not detected.

 1: Granites of the Um Regeba area, South Eastern Desert
- 2: Pegmatites of the Um Regeba area, South Eastern Desert
- 2. Figinatines of the Clin Kegeoa area, South Lastein Desert (Greenberg, 1981).

 3. Group II younger granites of Eastern Desert (Greenberg, 1981).

 4. Average of World granites (Le Maitre, 1976).

 5. Average of granite in G. Nash Aluba (Saleh, 1992).
- 6: Average of the muscovite granite of Sikiait I, South Eastern Desert (Mahmoud, 2009)
- 7: Average of Egyptian granite (Aly and Moustafa, 1984)

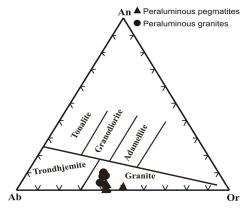


Fig. 15: Ab-An-Or ternary diagram (O'Connor, 1965) for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

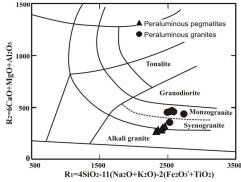


Fig. 16: R₁-R₂ diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, After De La Roche et al. (1980)

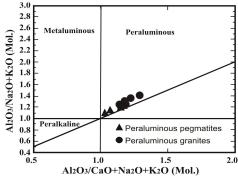


Fig. 17: Shand's index diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, After Clarke (1981)

alkaline, (one sample lie in the alkaline and highly fractionated calc-alkaline field), on the other hand the peraluminous pegmatites lie in the alkaline and highly fractionated calc alkaline (Fig. 18).

The studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites lie in the I-type granite of Chapell and White (1974) (Fig. 19). On Pearce et al. (1984) discrimination diagram (Fig. 20), the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites lie in the within plate granite field. The studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites are restricted to the syn-collision field (Fig. 21) after Batchelor and Bowden (1985). The Ab-Qz-Or normative ternary diagrams (Figs. 22&23)

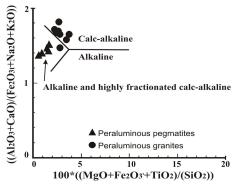


Fig. 18: Major oxides discrimination of granite for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, After Sylvester (1989)

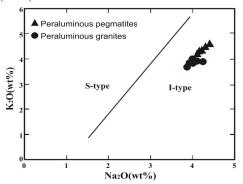


Fig. 19: K₂O vs. Na₂O diagram for I-type and S-type granites for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, Fields After Chapell and White (1974)

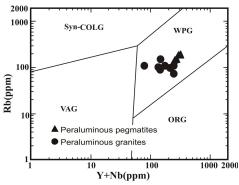


Fig. 20: Rb-(Y+Nb) diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites(After pearce et al.,1984)

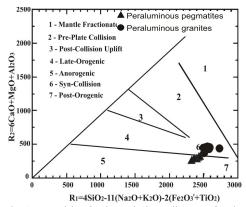


Fig. 21: Multicationic variations diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, De La Roch et al. (1980), fields of tectonic setting after Batchelor and Bowden (1985)

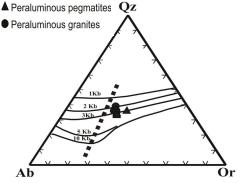


Fig. 22: Ab-Qz-Or diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites. The dashed lines represent the minimum melting points in the granite system at different water-vapor pressure. 1, 2 &3 kb after Tuttle and Bowen (1958), 5&10 kb after Luth et al. (1964)

reveal that the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites have water-vapor pressure (2 to 3 kb) and temperature from 760° to 800° C suggesting a formation at moderate levels in the crust. The Fe₂O₃/FeO ratio varies from1.67 to 3.84 more than 1 (Table 1), suggesting that the rock originated under higher oxidizing condition (Shalaby, 1995 and Ali et al., 1998). The Rb/Zr ratio vs. SiO₂

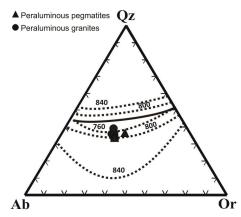


Fig. 23: Ab-Qz-Or diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, After Luth et al. (1964)

(Harries et al., 1986) (Fig. 24), reveals that the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites lie in the field of type III. It indicates that the studied peraluminous granites melts could be originated in the the LILE- enriched mantle wedge and contaminated by crustal melts.

The Rb versus K/Rb diagram (Fig. 25) for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, show that the Rb tend to be enriched relative to the K in the strongly differentiated granites (Imeokparia, 1981) and the K/Rb ratio ranges from 214.54 to 434.99 for the peraluminous granites while it is 195.10 to 240.40 for the peraluminous pegmatites. The ratio of Ba/Rb decrease with magmatic differentiation due to the crystallization of the feldspar (Fig. 26). In the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, the Ba/Rb ratio ranges between 0.77 to 5.13 with an average of 1.98, and from 0.92 to 1.66 with an average of 1.20, indicating derivation from mantle origin contaminated with crustal materials.

Spiderdigram of normalized elements data of peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites relative to Chondrite of Sun and McDonough (1989) (Fig. 27), illustrating

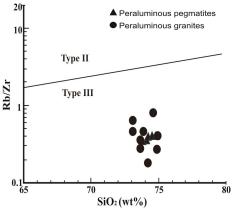


Fig. 24: Rb/Zr vs. SiO, discrimination diagram, After Harries et al. (1986)

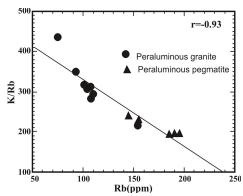


Fig. 25: K/Rb vs. Rb diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

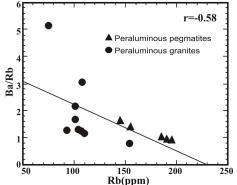


Fig. 26: Ba/Rb vs. Rb diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

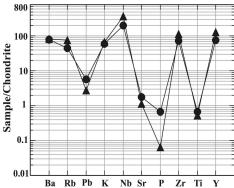


Fig. 27: Spiderdiagram of normalized element data of peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites. Normalized values refer to Chondrite of Sun and McDonough (1989)

the enrichment of Ba, Rb, Pb, K, Nb, Zr, Y and depletion of P and Ti, while Sr distribute around the unity. Spiderdigram of normalized elements data of peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites relative to average continental crust of (Weaver and Tarney, 1984) are given in (Fig. 28). They show enrichment of Rb, K, Y, Nb and Zr, and depletion of Ba, Sr, Ti and P (PP), while P (PG) distribute around the unity.

MINERALOGY

Detailed microscopic investigations supported by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and

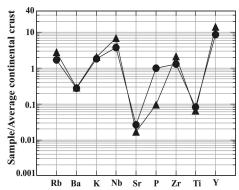


Fig. 28: Spiderdiagram of normalized element data of peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites. Normalized values refer to average continental crust of Weaver and Tarney (1984)

ESEM techniques were used for the identification of the accessory and heavy minerals from the peraluminous pegmatites samples. Based on X-ray patterns and ESEM techniques, the minerals can be classified according to their anion into the following groups:

Silicate Minerals

Zircon (ZrSiO)

Zircon crystal showed different forms such as bipyramids, short prisms with brown or honey brown colour, may exists as normal or metamict. It is iso-structural with xenotime. It is confirmed by XRD-technique (Figs. 29-31).

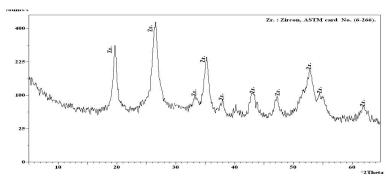


Fig. 29: X-ray diffraction pattern of zircon in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

Phlogopite [K (Mg,Fe),AlSi,O,(F,OH),]

It is reddish brown in colour and was detected by XRD-technique (Fig. 30).

Phosphate minerals [Xenotime (YPO₄)]

Xenotime is a widespread and important rare earth bearing mineral, where Y can substitute by U, Ca and Si. It is considered as iso-structural mineral with zircon. Khomyakov (1970) has considered the potential of coexisting monazite and xenotime as a geotherometer. El-Kammar et al. (1997a) considered xenotime is a good host for the rare earth elements, where it concentrates the heavy rare earths. This mineral is confirmed by XRD-technique (Fig. 31).

Oxide Minerals

Magnetite (Fe₃O₃)

Magnetite is a common, highly magnetic, black opaque mineral with a metallic luster and high specific gravity (4.9–5.2). It is one of the important iron ores and is a common constituent of igneous and metamorphic rocks. Due to its black colour, surface chemistry and strong magnetic property, it has found a great number of applications in industry. Magnetite crystals reach 2cm in size (Fig. 6). It is found as inclusions in the essential minerals or as secondary minerals filling cracks and cleavage planes. It is confirmed by XRD-technique (Fig. 32) and by ESEM techniques (Fig. 33) and contains

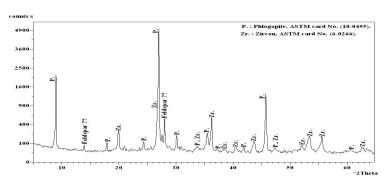


Fig. 30: X-ray diffraction pattern of zircon and phlogopite in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

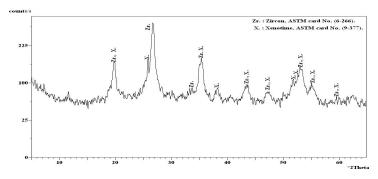


Fig. 31: X-ray diffraction pattern of zircon and xenotime in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

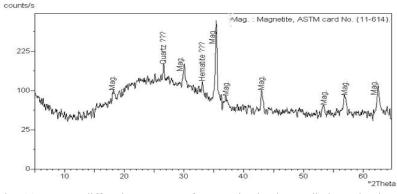


Fig. 32.: X-ray diffraction pattern of magnetite in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

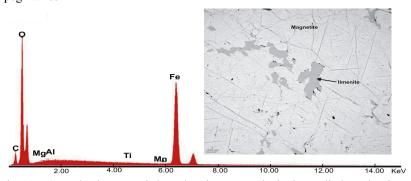


Fig. 33: ESEM backscattered data showing magnetite in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

91.74 % FeO, 0.3% MnO, 0.16% ${\rm TiO_2}$ and 0.14 ${\rm Al_2O_3}$.

Ilmenite (FeTiO₂)

Ilmenite occurs as accessory mineral in the studied peraluminous pegmatites associated with magnetite. It has an iron black or asphaltic colour as well as it is metallic with dull luster black streak and confirmed by ESEM (Fig. 34), it composed of 34.48 % FeO, 51.2% TiO₂, 16.39% MnO and 0.11 Al₂O₃.

MICROPROBE ANALYSIS OF MAGNETITE

Mineral compositions were determined on the JEOL JXA-733 Superprobe, operating conditions were 15 ky, with a beam current of 50 nA and peak counting time was 30 seconds for all elements at the Microscopy and Microanalyses Facility, University of New Brunswick (UNB), Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada (Tables 3 to 7). The standards used are Hmt (for Fe), Ilm (for Ti), Grtpyr (for Al, Si, Mg), Bust (for Mn, Ca), Vmet (for V), Chr (for Cr), Comet (for Co), Gahnite (for Zn) and NiO (for Ni). Five magnetite grains were systematically selected named A, B, C, D and E. The five grains were chemically analyses by microprobe along profiles as seen in Figs. 35-39.

In the grain no. A; the magnetite is enrich in FeO, Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , CoO and Cr_2O_3 (Table 3), whereas ilmenite in TiO_2 , MnO, MgO, V_2O_3 and ZnO.

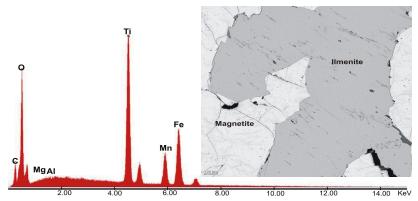


Fig. 34: ESEM backscattered data showing ilmenite in the studied peraluminous pegmatites

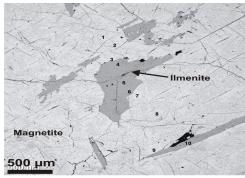


Fig. 35: Back-scattered- electron image showing profile of spots of microprobe analyses in magnetite grain no. A, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert

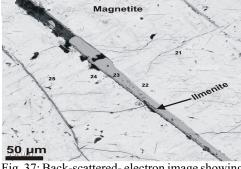


Fig. 37: Back-scattered- electron image showing profile of spots of microprobe analyses in magnetite grain no.C, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert

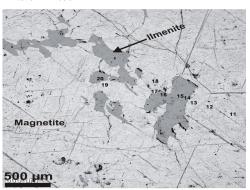


Fig. 36: Back-scattered-electron image showing profile of spots of microprobe analyses in magnetite grain no. B, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert

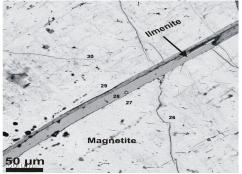


Fig. 38: Back-scattered- electron image showing profile of spots of microprobe analyses in magnetite grain no. D, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert

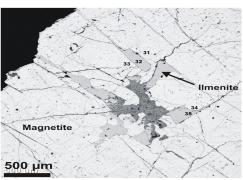


Fig.39: Back-scattered- electron image showing profile of spots of microprobe analyses in magnetite grain no. E, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert

In the grain no. B; the magnetite is enrich in FeO, Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , MgO, CoO, V_2O_3 and Cr_2O_3 (Table 4), whereas ilmenite in TiO_2 , MnO and ZnO (except spot no. 18).

In the grain no. C; the magnetite is enrich in FeO, Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , MgO, CoO, V_2O_3 and Cr_2O_3 (Table 5), whereas ilmenite in TiO_2 , MnO and ZnO.

In the grains no. D and E; the magnetite is

enrich in FeO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, MgO, CoO, and Cr₂O₃ (Tables 6 and 7), whereas ilmenite in TiO₂, MnO, V₂O₃ and ZnO.

In general the magnetite is enrich in FeO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, CoO and Cr₂O₃ (Table 8), whereas ilmenite in TiO₂, MnO and ZnO. The values of V₂O₃ and MgO fluctuated from one grain to the other, where CaO and NiO contents are negligible.

SPECTROMETRIC INVESTIGATION

The instrument used in the ground γ -ray spectrometric survey measurements is RS-230. Ground γ -ray spectrometric survey can detect dose rate (D.R.) in unit (nSvh⁻¹), potassium (K%), equivalent uranium content (eUppm) and equivalent thorium content (eTh ppm). Uranium mobilization (eUm) in the studied rock types can be calculated as follows; the uranium mobilization is calculated by the difference between the measured eU and the expected original uranium, which is calculated by dividing the measured eTh by the average eTh/eU ratio in the crustal acidic rocks (original uranium = eTh/3.5 according

Table 3: Microprobe analysis of magnetite grain no. A

Wt%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FeO	89.28	90.58	91.13	33.31	33.64	34.59	90.76	89.27	91.03	32.21
TiO_2	0.0698	0.03	0.4438	49.29	48.81	47.44	0.0608	0.0342	0.202	49.98
Al_2O_3	1.358	0.3471	0.2412	0.0129	0.0237	0.0264	0.341	0.2324	0.2242	0.9297
SiO_2	0.127	0.0435	0.0403	0.0082	0.0122	0.0134	0.038	0.1746	0.0391	0.0133
MnO	0.1115	0.1118	0.1548	15.42	15.64	14.9	0.1165	0.1776	0.1476	14.45
MgO	0.0066	0.0045	0	0.0085	0.0158	0.025	0	0.011	0.0047	0.0911
CaO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0059	0	0
V_2O_3	0.1154	0.1075	0.114	0.3128	0.3436	0.2146	0.1054	0.1123	0.1129	0.1375
Cr_2O_3	0.008	0.0061	0.0075	0	0	0	0.0015	0.0048	0.0066	0
CoO	0.0997	0.0943	0.1043	0.041	0.0384	0.0348	0.1044	0.0936	0.099	0.0394
ZnO	0	0.0015	0.0003	0.1264	0.1303	0.0968	0.0113	0.0196	0.0015	0.4365
NiO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	91.17	91.33	92.24	98.53	98.65	97.34	91.54	90.13	91.87	98.29

Total

Wt% 11 12 13 14 16 18 20 FeO 90.49 33.35 33.35 34.72 89.75 36.21 TiO_2 0.038 0.0496 0.0982 48.59 48.21 47.7 49.04 0.1951 0.0486 0.1141 Al₂O₃ 0.24 0.312 0.2495 0.0192 0.0183 0.0217 0.3378 2.1811 0.3038 0.021 0.0384 0.0142 0.2206 SiO2 0.0482 0.259 0.0146 0.0151 0.0514 0.037 0.0184 0.1442 0.1433 15.61 15.9 14.94 0.1155 0.1861 0.1507 13.63 MnO 0.1655 0.0036 0.0084 0.0082 0.0792 0.0313 0 0.008 0.0071 0.0022 0.0047 MgO 0.0183 CaO 0 0 0.0151 0.0005 0 0 0.0787 0.1052 0.112 V_2O_3 0.1045 0.114 0.1053 0.1042 0.1037 0.1048 0.1319 0.0081 0.005 0.01 0.0096 Cr₂O₃ 0 0 0.0013 0.0067 0.0933 CoO 0.0954 0.0946 0.0245 0.0292 0.0348 0.0939 0.0996 0.0912 0.04 0.0075 ZnO 0.0057 0.0184 0.1256 0.1147 0.0891 0.0219 0.3685 0.0082 0.1123 NiO 0 0 0 0 0 0

98.11

98.14

Table 4: Microprobe analysis of magnetite sample no. B

Table 5: Microprobe analysis of magnetite grain no. C

91.42

88.08

98.31

91.16

Wt%	21	22	23	24	25
FeO	87.47	90.05	29.87	88.95	91.61
TiO ₂	0.0658	0.3405	50.62	0.4456	0.0785
Al_2O_3	0.5566	0.2234	0.0317	0.3617	0.2733
SiO ₂	0.2366	0.0436	0.0227	0.0465	0.04
MnO	0.1327	0.1263	17.44	0.1483	0.0862
MgO	0.0143	0.0013	0	0.0003	0.0033
CaO	0.0177	0	0	0	0.0006
V_2O_3	0.1201	0.11	0.0784	0.1183	0.1114
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.0062	0.0105	0	0.0069	0.0107
CoO	0.0999	0.0965	0.0322	0.0926	0.1045
ZnO	0.1053	0.0235	0.2223	0.0009	0.0139
NiO	0	0	0.0023	0	0
Total	88.82	91.03	98.32	90.17	92.33

Table 6: Microprobe analysis of magnetite sample no. D

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Wt%	26	27	28	29	30
FeO	91.7	90.97	29.65	89.2	91.1
TiO_2	0.076	0.1863	50.08	0.1862	0.0815
Al_2O_3	0.5489	0.2825	0.075	0.2904	0.2733
SiO_2	0.0597	0.0436	0.0322	0.1483	0.0438
MnO	0.1491	0.1556	17.91	0.1287	0.154
MgO	0.0237	0.0037	0.0028	0.0037	0.0075
CaO	0	0	0.0032	0.0082	0
V_2O_3	0.1067	0.1045	0.1905	0.1147	0.1093
$\mathbf{Cr_2O_3}$	0.0046	0.0053	0	0.0079	0.0039
CoO	0.0981	0.1047	0.0217	0.0973	0.1031
ZnO	0.0197	0.0047	0.2236	0.0158	0.0045
NiO	0	0	0	0	0
Total	92.78	91.86	98.19	90.21	91.88

Table 7: Microprobe analysis of magnetite grain no. E

89.17

92.71

90.58

97.89

35	34	33	32	31	Wt%
33.08	92.27	92.01	35.71	90.9	FeO
48.12	0.0758	0.1535	46.18	0.0795	TiO ₂
0.0181	0.278	0.2851	0.0248	0.8104	Al_2O_3
0.0177	0.0372	0.0317	0.0157	0.0503	SiO_2
16.79	0.1572	0.1497	15.71	0.1781	MnO
0.005	0	0.0021	0.0031	0.0284	MgO
0	0	0	0	0	CaO
0.1345	0.1109	0.1138	0.1357	0.1143	V_2O_3
0	0.0076	0.001	0	0.0078	Cr ₂ O ₃
0.039	0.1037	0.0969	0.0397	0.1105	CoO
0.1911	0.0193	0.0113	0.2015	0.1071	ZnO
0	0	0	0	0	NiO
98.4	93.06	92.85	98.02	92.39	Total

to Clark et al., 1966) to give the leaching values of uranium (eUm= eU-eTh/3.5). Positive values indicate uranium addition by mobilization, whereas negative values indicated migration of uranium by leaching.

The eU contents in the studied peraluminous granites range between 0.6 and 3.20 ppm with an average of 1.96 ppm. The eTh contents range between 2.4 and 13.20 ppm with an average of 5.65 ppm, while the average of (eTh/eU) ratios are 3.32 ppm and (eU/eTh) ratios are 0.42, and average of eUm is 0.35 indicating its magmatic origin (Table 9 and Fig. 40). The eU contents in the studied peraluminous pegmatites range between 6.2 and 11.9 ppm with an average 9.12 ppm. The

Av. Mag. Av. Wt% Av. Mag. Av. Ilm Av. Mag. Av. Ilm Av. Mag. Av. Ilm Av. Av. Ilm 34.41 90.34 91.73 34.4 FeC 89.26 90.74 TiO, 0.1401 48.88 0.0906 48.39 0.2326 50.62 0.1325 50.08 0.1029 47.15 Al₂O₃ 0.457 0.248 0.604 0.02005 0.3537 0.0317 0.3488 0.075 0.4578 0.0213 SiO 0.077 0.0118 0.1091 0.01558 0.09168 0.0227 0.07385 0.0322 0.0397 0.0167 MnO 0.1366 15.1 0.1509 15.02 0.0359 0.1469 17.91 0.1617 16.25 MgO 0.0045 0.01628 0.01375 0.0048 0.0097 0.0028 0.0102 CaO 0.00009 0.0056 0.000125 0.0037 0.0227 0.0021 0.0032 V_2O_3 0.1076 0.1046 0.115 0.0784 0.1088 0.1905 0.00575 0.0054 0.0055 Cr₂O₃ 0.0068 0.0086 0.0992 0.1037 CoO 0.0384 0.09467 0.09838 0.0322 0.1008 0.0217 0.03213 0.0394 ZnO 0.0057 0.1975 0.01195 0.1104 0.0359 0.2223 0.01118 0.2236 0.0459 0.1963 NiO 0.0023 Total 91.38 98.2 90.46 98.117 90.50 98.34 91.68 98.19 92.77 98.36

Table 8: Average magnetite and ilmenite microprobe analyses of the five grains, Um Regeba area, south Eastern Desert, Egypt

Mag.= Magnetite, Ilm.= Ilmenite

eTh contents range between 13.50 and 28.40 ppm with an average 21.76 ppm, while the average of (eTh/eU) ratios are 2.43 ppm and (eU/eTh) ratios are 0.42, and average of eUm is 2.95 indicating addition of uranium from surrounding rocks (Table 9 and Fig. 40).

The comparison between the radioelement concentrations in the peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites at Um Regeba area relative to those of the crustal igneous rocks after IAEA (1979) and Boyle (1982) are listed in Table (9). It is noticed that the concentration of eU and eTh in the peraluminous granites at Um Regeba area are relatively lower than normal case as the corresponding values in the crustal average, whereas in the peraluminous pegmatites are higher than normal case as the corresponding values in the crustal average.

The binary relations of eU, eTh, and eTh/

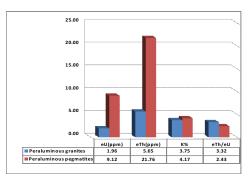


Fig. 40: A histogram for the average radiometric measurements of the Um Regeba peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

eU may provide an indicator of the geochemical behavior of U and Th in the studied rock samples. The plot of eU versus eTh (Fig. 41) illustrates that there have strong positive linear relation (r= 0.93) indicating their behavior

Table 9: The minimum, maximum and average of radiometric measurements of the Um Regeba peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites, SED, Egypt.

	-	eU (ppm)	eTh (ppm)	Κ%	eTh/eU	eU/eTh	eUm
Peraluminous	Min.	0.6	2.40	1.70	0.81	0.094	-2.37
granites	Max.	3.20	13.20	6.70	10.67	1.24	2.39
	Aver.	1.96	5.65	3.75	3.32	0.42	0.35
Peraluminous	Min.	6.20	13.50	3.0	1.80	0.28	-0.057
pegmatites	Max.	11.90	28.40	5.40	3.53	0.55	4.80
	Aver.	9.12	21.76	4.17	2.43	0.42	2.90
	Cru	stal acidic igne	ous rocks (after	IAEA, 1979	and Boyle, 1	982)	
Aver.		4.50	18	4	4	0.25	-

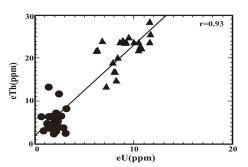


Fig. 41: eU vs. eTh variation diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

was probably controlled by magmatic (Simpson et al., 1979). A poor negative relations (r= -0.10) exist between eTh and eTh/eU as shown on Fig. 42 indicating that uranium distribution in these rocks is not only controlled by magmatic processes but also by post-magmatic processes.

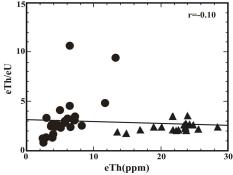


Fig. 42: eTh vs. eTh/eU variation diagram for the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites

CONCLUSIONS

The exposed rocks in the study area can be classified into the following litho-tectonic units: 1) psammitic gneiss, mostly quartz rich meta-psammites, meta-conglomerates and subordinate meta-pelites; 2) Migif-Hafafit gneisses and associated ultramafic and calcalkaline igneous assemblages, granitoids and

metasediments, generally medium metamorphic grade; 3) white gneissic granodiorite, trondhjemite, tonalite complex; 4) peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites bearing magnetite; 5) late-orogenic granitoids (microgranite, felsite and aplite) (Greiling, 1990).

The peraluminous granites are emplaced into the older rocks of the area in a NNW-SSE trend-close to the major Nugrus thrust. The peraluminous granites are mainly composed of plagioclase (An₅₋₁₀), K-feldspar, quartz, biotite and muscovite. Allanite and zircon are common accessories.

The presence of cross-hatching (tartan pattern) as low-temperature transforming twinning in the studied peraluminous granites is consider as a product of a combination between albite and pericline twinning in peculiar relation. The chloritization and sericitization alteration are secondary textures in the granitic rocks arising from deuteric or later hydrothermal activity (Shelley, 1993).

The peraluminous pegmatites occur as pockets of variable dimensions vary from few centimeters to few meters in width and length, and mostly concordant with the common NW-trending of enclosing granites and other country rocks all over the area. The peraluminous pegmatites are coarse grained, composed essentially of K-feldspar, quartz, plagioclase (An_{6-10}), muscovite and biotite. Titanite, zircon, allanite and magnetite are common accessories.

Geochemically, the studied peraluminous granites and peraluminous pegmatites are monzogranite and syenogranite to alkali feld-spar granite respectively. They have peraluminous character, calc alkaline and alkaline affinity respectively, emplaced in within plate setting, crystallized under water-vapor pressure (2-3 Kb) and temperature from 760° to 800°C, pertaining to the I-type granite originated by highly differentiated magma generated from upper mantle contaminated with some crustal materials. The studied peralu-

minous granite originated under high oxidation condition.

Mineralogically, the identified heavy minerals are classified into groups according to their anion either they are radioactive or non radioactive; 1- Silicate minerals (zircon & phlogopite), 2-Phosphate mineral (xenotime), 3-Oxide minerals (magnetite and ilmenite).

The magnetite mineralization was disseminated within the peraluminous pegmatites. The magnetite of Um Regeba area represents a late stage magnatic product. The pegmatite segregates magnetite crystals and form masses of magnetite, concentrated in response to fractional crystallization and this phenomenon is repeated in the peraluminous granites of W. El Gemal, especially in El Mokhattata area.

Magnetite showed lamellar intergrowth with ilmenite. Ilmenite is visible with a hand lens in most magnetite samples. The magnetite is enrich in FeO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, CoO and Cr₂O₃, whereas ilmenite in TiO₃, MnO and ZnO. The values of V₂O₃ and MgO fluctuated from one sample to the other, where CaO and NiO contents are negligible. The enrichment of magnetite and ilmenite by the previous elements due to a geochemical behavior (ionic substitution). The depletion in CaO due to Ca⁺² ions cannot substitute for Fe⁺² in the magnetite and ilmenite lattice because it is considerably larger than Fe+2 and also differ in physical properties. The depletion in NiO is due to the magmatic origin of the magnetite.

Radiometrically, the radioactivity increases from the peraluminous granites to the peraluminous pegmatites. The average eU content in peraluminous granites is less than twice the Clark value (4 ppm). The average eTh/eU ratio is 3.32; indicating the rock is not uraniferous, while the average eU content in the peraluminous pegmatites is more than twice the Clark value (4 ppm) indicating the rock is uraniferous.

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جيولوجية وإشعاعية الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى والبجماتيت المصاحب الحاويين لتمعدن الماجنتيت في منطقة أم رقيبة، جنوب الصحراء الشرقية، مصر

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يهدف هذا البحث الى دراسة الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى والبجماتيت المصاحب له الحاويين لتمعدن الماجنتيت فى منطقة ام رقيبة والتى تقع جنوب الصحراء الشرقية على بعد ٥٨٠م جنوب غرب مدينة مرسى علم. ينتشر الماجنتيت فى صخور الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى والبجماتيت المصاحب له بوادى الجمال وتم اخذ منطقة ام رقيبة كحالة للدراسة. تتكون المنطقة من صخور النارية الفوق قاعدية و الكلسقلوية المنطقة من صخور النارية الفوق قاعدية و الكلسقلوية والجرانيتات و الرواسب المتحولة تحول متوسط الدرجة ، معقدات الجرانودايويت النايسي الأبيض مع التروندجيميت و التوناليت، الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى و البجماتيت المصاحب (الدراسة الحالية)، ثم الجرانيتات مابعد التجبل والتي تشمل الجرانيت دقيق التحبب، الفلسيت و الأبليت.

أوضحت الدراسة الجيولوجية والبتروجرافية ان صخر الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى متوسط الى خشن الحبيبات البيض اللون متداخل فى صخر الجرانودايورايت مع وجود حد فاصل, ويتكون من البلاجيوكليز, الفلسبار البوتاسى, الكوارتز, البيوتيت والمسكوفيت بالاضافة الى الالنيت و الزيركون كمعادن اضافية, بينما صخر البجماتيت عبارة عن أجسام تشبه القواطع ذات ابعاد مختلفة تتراوح من عدة سنتيميترات الى عدة مترات داخل صخر الجرانيت الفوق الالومينى ويتكون من الفلسبار البوتاسى, الكوارتز, البلاجيوكليز, المسكوفيت والبيوتيت بالاضافة الى التيتانايت, الزيركون, الالنيت و الماجنتيت كمعادن اضافية.

وتشير الدراسات الجيوكيميائية ان الجرانيت والبجماتيت الفوق الالوميني عبارة عن مونز وجرانيت (كلسي قلوى) وسيانوجرانيت الى جرانيت الفلسبار القلوى (قلوى) بالترتيب ذوالنوع (I) وتداخلت في بيئة حيث مصدرها مواد الوشاح العلوى مع بعض مواد القشرة الارضية, وتداخلهما ارتبط ببيئة للتلاحم بين الألواح، حيث تم التبلور تحت ضغط منخفض الى متوسط (٢-٣ كيلو بار) وتحت درجة حرارة حول ٧٦٠٠ درجة سيليزية.

ومن خلال تحليل العينات باستخدام حيود الأشعة السينية والميكروسكوب الماسح الألكتروني تم الحصول على مجموعة من المعادن تم تقسيمها اعتمادا على الانيون الى: معادن سيليكات (الزريكون والفلوجوبيت), معادن الفوسفات (الزينوتيم), معادن الاكاسيد (الماجنتيت والالمنيت). بدراسة النشاط الإشعاعي في منطقة الدراسة تبين ان الإشعاع يزداد من الجرانيت الفوق الالوميني يصل متوسط محتواها من اليورانيوم إلى ١٩٩٦ جزء في المليون والثوريوم الى ٥٦٥، جزء في المليون بينما في البجماتيت يصل متوسط محتواها من اليورانيوم الى ٩٩١٨ جزء في المليون.

وبدراسة الماجنتيت تحت الميكروسكوب الماسح الالكتروني وجد أنه مصاحب لمعدن الالمنيت, ومن خلال دراستهم بأستخدام الميكروبروب الالكتروني وجد الاتي: كلا من الماجنتيت والالمنيت غنيان بأكسيد الحديد,اكسيد التيتانيوم, اكسيد الالمنيوم, اكسيد الفانديوم, اكسيد الفانديوم, اكسيد الفانديوم, اكسيد الفانديوم, اكسيد اللامنيوم, اكسيد اللامنيوم, اكسيد اللامنيوم, اكسيد الكوبالت واكسيد الكروم, المعنسيوم و وجد ان الماجنتيت غنى في أكسيد المنجنيز واكسيد الزنك. ووجد ان قيم اكسيد المغنسيوم و اكسيد الفانديوم تتغير بينما الالمنيت غنى في اكسيد التيتانيوم, اكسيد المنجنيز واكسيد الزنك. ووجد ان قيم اكسيد المغنسيوم و اكسيد الفانديوم تتغير من عينة الى اخرى. ووجد ان عملية اثراء المجانيتيت والالمنيت بهذة الاكاسيد يرجع الى السلوك الجيوكيميائي (الاستبدال الايوني). وجد ان تمعدن المجانيتيت ذو اصل مجماتي تكون في مراحل متأخرة نتيجة التبلور الجزئي.