

Atacamite [Cu₂Cl(OH)₃]

Named after the Atacama Desert of northern Chile, atacamite is a rare mineral formed through the oxidation of copper, especially in arid saline conditions. Atacamite crystals are generally bright to dark emerald, green growths of fibrous, prismatic crystals. When examined under a microscope, other copper-related minerals have been identified in association with atacamite, such as cuprite, malachite and chrysocolla.



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