

**Preliminary information on the presence of gold
in the mineralized rocks of the polymetallic
deposit of Munella (northeastern Albania)**

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A minerographic and geochemical study of a large number of mineralized samples from the Munella deposit has been carried out. This deposit occurs at the top of the eastern ophiolitic suite of Jurassic age of Albania and is associated with volcanics ranging in composition from basalt to rhyolite. The visible gold has been found inside chalcopyrite and tetrahedrite, associated with pyrite, bornite, sphalerite and covellite. The gold-bearing samples were either collected in the main tunnel of the mine and come from drills. Gold occurs associated with 20 % Ag to form electrum. The discovery of gold, already known in other mineralizations of the eastern ophiolitic belt of Albania, prompts to re-consider the economic potential of the present-day closed Munella mine, also evaluating the possibility of gold recovery from the dumps.