
PETROGRAPHY, GEOCHEMISTRY AND MINERALISATION POTENTIAL OF THE PEGMATITES OF JANJALA AREA, NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT: *The petrographic, geochemical and mineralogical investigations of the pegmatites of Janjala area, North Central Nigeria was carried out with the aim of understanding its mineralization potential. Petrographic studies were conducted in the petrographic laboratory of the Department of Geology and Mining Nasarawa State University Keffi, while the geochemical analysis was carried out using Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) techniques in the ACME laboratory limited, Vancouver Canada and NGSA laboratory Kaduna, Nigeria using XRF techniques. The seven (7) lithological units identified in the area consist of the biotite schist, muscovite schist, fine grained muscovite granite, medium grained biotite granite, medium grained granite, porphyritic granite and pegmatites. All the pegmatites are unconformably emplaced and restricted to the biotite schist unit in the area around Janjala and Mahanga villages. Petrographic studies reveal the major mineral as quartz, K-feldspar, plagioclase, muscovite; while accessory minerals comprise of lepidolite, beryl, clevelandite, sericite, sphene, tourmaline and zircon. Major oxides and trace element contents indicate high fractionation and mineralization potential based on the variation plot of K_2O vs Na_2O , the relatively high values of Rb, Cs, Ta, Sn Nb, the K/Rb vs Rb and K/Rb vs Cs ratios which revealed that the pegmatites are relatively mineralized. Generally, the pegmatites in the Janjala area favourably compared well with other relatively mineralized rare-metal pegmatites of the North Central Nigeria, such as Wamba, Nasarawa and Keffi pegmatites.*

KEYWORDS: Pegmatite, granite, petrography, geochemistry and mineralization

INTRODUCTION

Pegmatites, the host rocks of trace and rare elements like Sn, W, Nb, U, Th, Li, Be, Ta, Cs, Rb and Ce, also contain a wide variety of exotic minerals like topaz, tourmaline and beryl. For example, in 1984, the Tanco pegmatite field of Manitoba, Canada supplied over 70% of the world's Ta_2O_5 concentrate and had pre-production reserves of 1.9 million tons of 0.216% Ta_2O_5 , 6.6 tons of 2.7% Li_2O , 0.3 million tons at 23.3% Cs_2O and 0.8 million tons of 0.2% BeO (Crouse *et al.*, 1984). The Bikita pegmatite of Zimbabwe is one of the world's largest lithium deposits with an estimated reserve of 30,000 tons of 4.2% Li_2O and besides lithium has yielded Be, Cs, Sn, Ta, Nb and feldspars (Evans and Pisarevsky, 2008). Keffi pegmatites of North Central Nigeria on the basis of field, petrographic and geochemical investigations have revealed potentials for gemstones (tourmaline, corundum and or beryl) and rare metal ores of (Sn, Nb and Ta) mineralisation. Hence

pegmatites are of great economic value and studies of their mineral compositions provide insight into their economic potential.

The usefulness of petrographic and geochemical studies (major, trace element and REE analyses) in resolving problems in pegmatite geology have been demonstrated in several studies (for example, Ginsburg *et al.*, 1979; Cerny, 1982a; 1982b; Ferreira, 1984; Crouse *et al.*, 1984; Cerny, 1982a; Thomas and Spooner, 1988; Cerny, 1991a; London, 1992; among others). The Tanco pegmatite at Bernic lake in the Canadian Shield of southeastern Manitoba, for instance, experienced tremendous development in 1967 as a result of the various trace element and REE distribution studies carried out in the area. Cerny (1991a) used Rb vs Cs and K/Rb vs K/Tl ratio plots for the main types of Tanco micas to identify nine pegmatite zones and their associated most important major and minor element contents. This enabled the mineralised zones within the pegmatite veins to be identified and made it possible to distinguish the mineralised veins from the barren ones.

Therefore, detailed petrolographic, geochemical and mineralization studies will enable a systematic investigation of the Janjala pegmatites and the adjoining granites with the view of characterising them and understanding their economic mineral potential. The studies will also provide guides for fruitful exploitation of the pegmatites and serve as model for the exploitation of pegmatite veins in similar geologic settings.

Geological Setting/Regional Geology

The Nigerian basement complex forms part of the Pan African mobile belt and lies between the West African and Congo Cratons and south of the Tuareg shield (Black, 1980; Burke and Dewey, 1972; Caby *et al.*, 1981 (Figure 2)

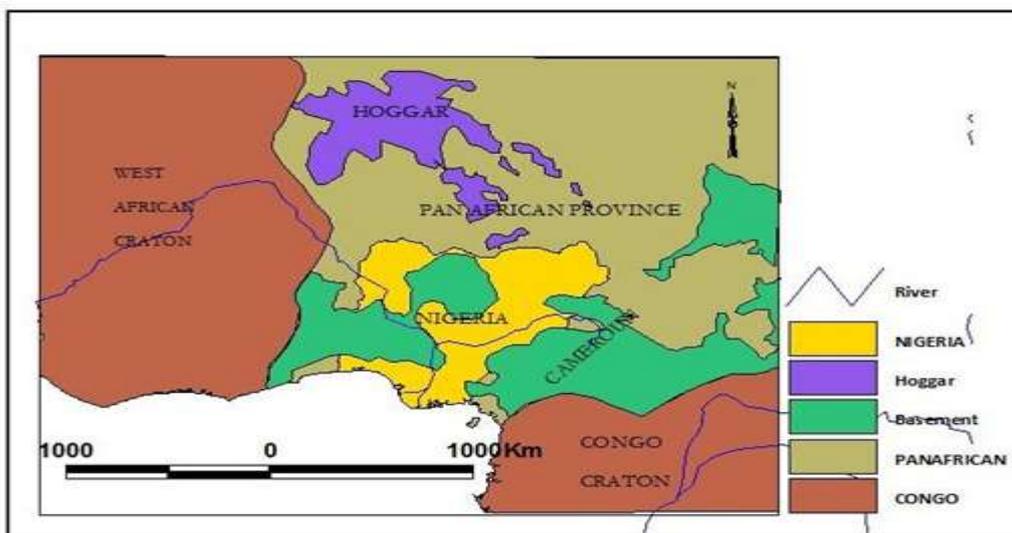


Figure 1: Location of the Nigeria sector of the Pan-African province of West

Africa (modified after Turner, 1983)

The Pan African mobile belt believed to have evolved from the collision between the passive continental margin of the West African craton and the active continental margin of the Tuareg shield about 600 Ma ago (Burke and Dewey, 1972; Caby *et al.*, 1981) experienced deformation, thermal reactivation, metamorphism and emplacement of large volume of granitoids typical of a Himalayan-type orogenesis during the Pan African thermo tectonic event (600 ± 150 Ma) (Dada, 2006).

The Nigerian Basement rocks have experienced at least four major orogenic cycles of deformation, metamorphism and remobilisation corresponding to the Liberian (2,700 Ma), the Eburnean (2,000 Ma), the Kibaran (1,100 Ma) and the Pan African Cycles (600 ± 150 Ma) (McCurry, 1976; Rahaman, 1973; Wright, 1976). The first three cycles of deformation are characterised by isoclinal folding accompanied by regional metamorphism and followed by extensive migmatisation, whilst the last cycle was characterised by deformation, metamorphism and granitisation. Within the basement complex of Nigeria, four major lithotectonic and geochronological units are distinguishable, namely: migmatite-gneiss complex of Archaean to Proterozoic age, the schist belt (Metavolcano sedimentary rocks) of late Proterozoic age, the Older granites or Pan African Granitoids of Paleozoic age and its associated pegmatites being the last stages of the granite emplacement and the undeformed felsic and mafic dykes of late Paleozoic.

METHODOLOGY

The area was mapped in two phases. The first phase was the reconnaissance survey carried out to familiarize with the terrain. During this phase, few samples were taken; routes and access roads were identified. The second phase entails detailed mapping where systematic investigation was carried out and oriented samples were collected at 2-3m intervals across the veins and field measurements of the dimension of outcrops and lineaments were taken.

Samples of pegmatites and host rocks (granites and schists) were collected in an oriented manner across the pegmatites into the host rocks. Samples were collected both at the surface and at some depth to ensure samples are fresh and representative.

A total of forty nine (49) whole rock samples were collected, out of which 33 were selected for petrography at the Laboratory of Nasarawa State University Keffi, Nigeria) and geochemical analyses (ACME laboratory Vancouver, Canada and Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA) laboratory Kaduna, Nigeria. The fifteen (15) whole rock samples of pegmatites selected for geochemical analysis were composited. Composite samples were obtained by mixing and blending all the whole rock rock samples collected from each pegmatite and ground to powder. The treated whole rock samples were digested and analysed for major, trace and rare earth element (REE).

Geology of the study area

Seven (7) lithological units were identified in the area which consist of biotite schist, muscovite schist, fine grained muscovite granite, medium grained biotite granite, medium grained granite, porphyritic granite and the pegmatites. The schists are of two types; the biotite schist and the muscovite schist. The predominant unit is the biotite schist which constitutes about 50%, whilst the muscovite schist covering the central part of the area constitutes about 10%. The granites and the associated pegmatites intrude the schist of Janjala area. The distribution of granite and associated pegmatites appears to dominate the south east and central parts of the mapped area and constitute about 40% (figure. 2). The main structural features in the area are the tectonic foliations, joints and fractures mostly trending in the NE-SW and NW-SE directions (figures. 4,11 &13), metamorphism, fractures and joints (figs 10 &12) mostly believed to have been reactivated or formed during the Pan African tectonic events (600±150 Ma) (Dada, 2006).

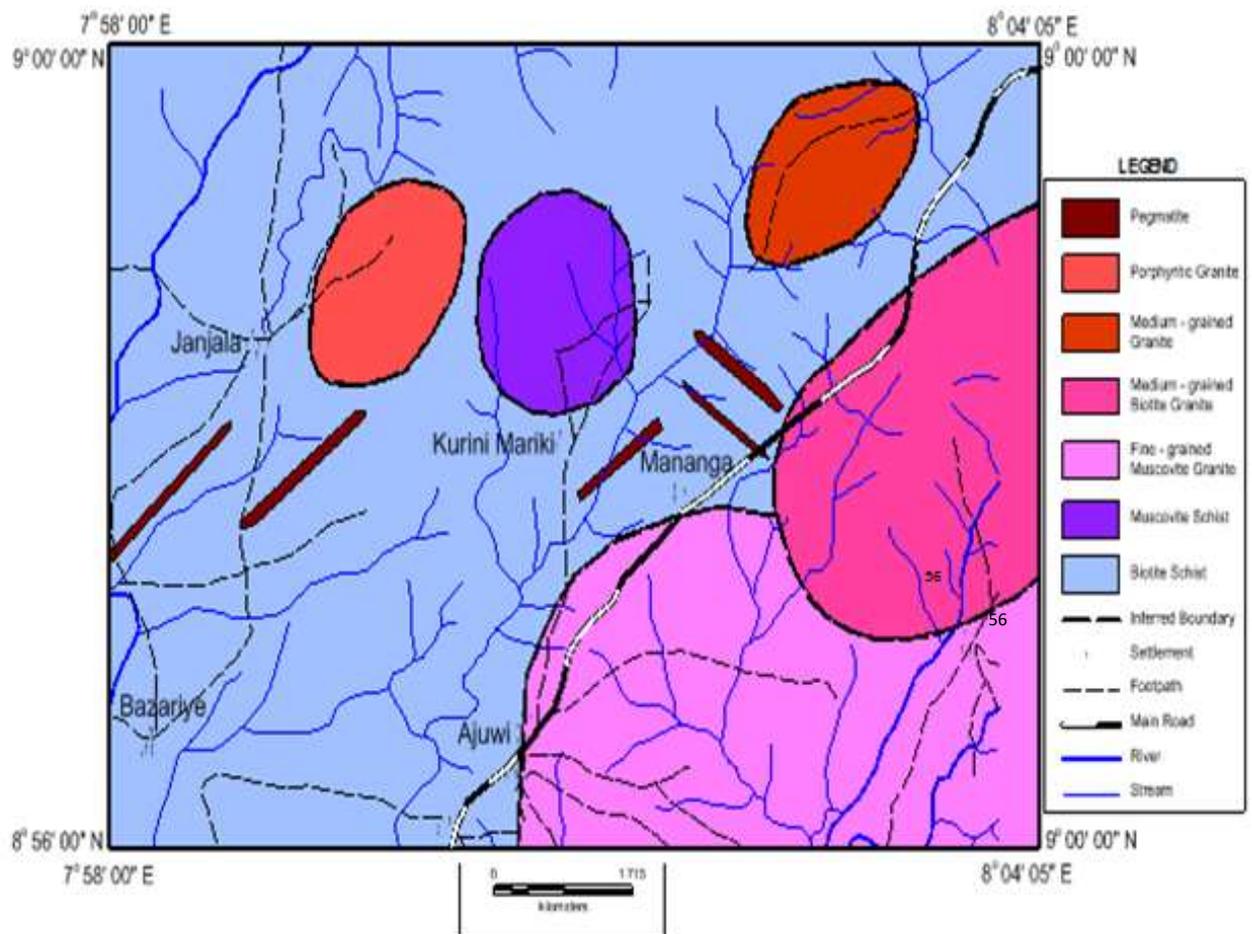


Figure 2: Geological map of the study area

Rocks of the Study Area (Pegmatites, Granites and Schists)

The field photographs of the pegmatites, granites and Schists and the rose diagrams of joints in the rocks



Figure 3: Field photograph of Janjala pegmatite 1(JP1)

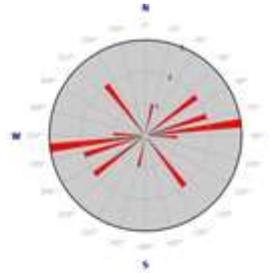


Figure 4: Rose diagram of joints of pegmatites



Figure 5: Field photograph of porphyritic granite7 (Gr7))

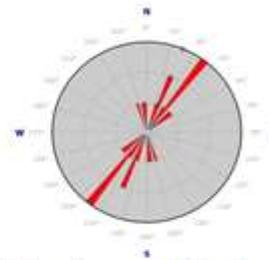


Figure 6: Rose diagram of joints in granites



Figure 7: Field photograph of muscovite schist10 (Sc10)

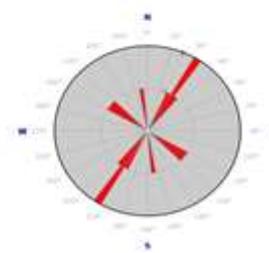


Figure 8: Rose diagram of joints in schists

The field features of pegmatites and associated rocks in Janjala area presented in (tables 1 and 2). **Table 1: Name, Location and other Field Features of Pegmatites of Janjala area**

Rock type Name	Location Identity	Orientation	Dimension		Host Rock	
			Length	Thickness		
Pegmatite	Janjala Pegmatite 1(JP1)	N8 ⁰ 58'07.5" 7 ⁰ 58' 29.2 "	045/56 ⁰ SE	600m	4m	Biotite schist
	Janajala pegmatite 2(JP2)	N8 ⁰ 58'02.5" 7 ⁰ 40'02.2"	047/50 ⁰ NE	1km	3m	Biotite Schist
	Mahanga pegmatite3(MP3)	N8 ⁰ 58'04.5" 8 ⁰ 01' 26.2"	050/51N ⁰ E	120m	4m	Biotite schist
	Mahanga pegmatite 4(MP4)	N8 ⁰ 58 '10.5" 8 ⁰ 02'05.2"	120/53 ⁰ S W	750m	6m	Biotite Schist
	Mahanga pegmatite5(MP5)	N8 ⁰ 58'26.5" 8 ⁰ 02'03.2"	123/45 ⁰ NE	400m	2m	Biotite Schist

Rock Type Name	Locality Name	Location Identity	
Associated Rocks	Medium Grained Biotite Granite	Gr6	N 08°58'07.1" and E 008° 03' 25.8"
	Porphyritic Granite	Gr7	N 08°59'09.6" and E 008° 00' 06.7"
	Medium grained granite	Gr8	N 08°59'30.1" and E 008° 02' 51.8"
	Fine grained muscovite granite	Gr9	N 08°57'21.9" and E 008° 03' 32.1"
	Muscovite Schist	Sc10	N 08°45'11.3" and E 008° 01' 25.3"
	Biotite Schist	Sc11	N 08°54'16.0" and E 007° 58' 56.0"

Petrography

This section discusses the textures, mineral assemblage and mineral composition of the pegmatites and associated rocks. The petrographic description of the pegmatites, granites and schists is presented in figure (9)

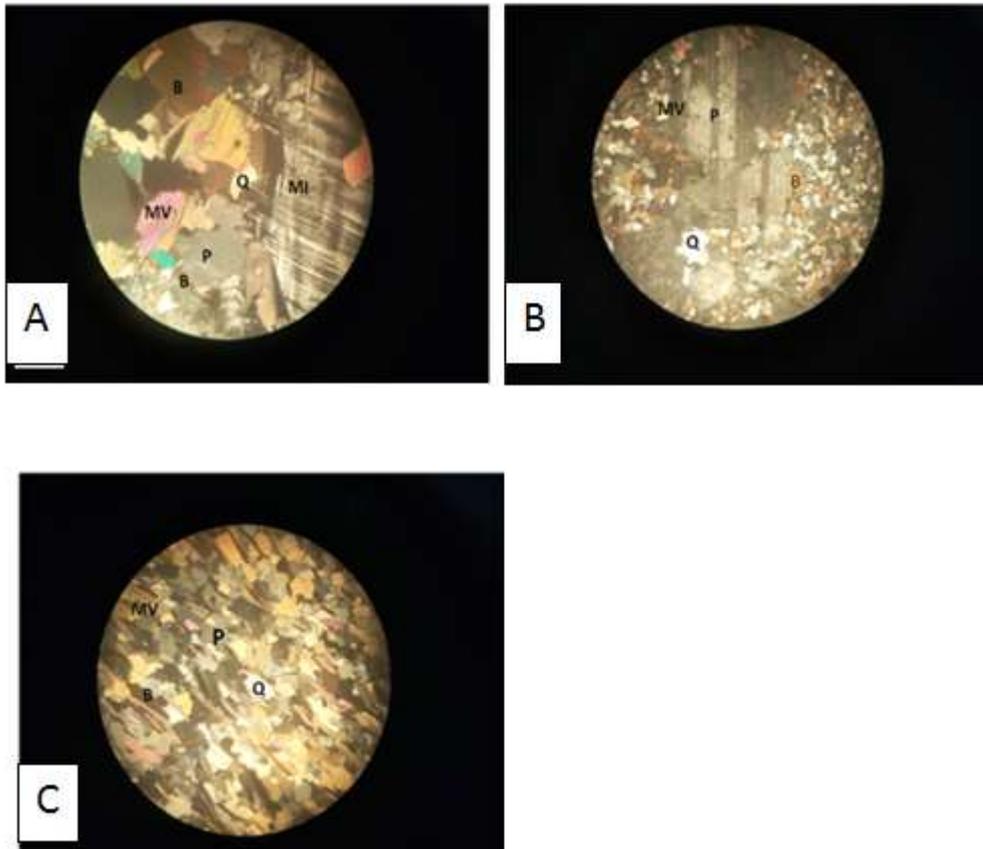


Figure 9: Photomicrographs of some selected pegmatite, granite and schist of Janjala area: (A) Janjala pegmatite pegmatite1 (JP1); (B) Porphyritic Granite 7 (Gr7); and (C) Biotite Schist (Sc11)

The summary of petrographic investigation of the pegmatites and associated rocks are presented in (tables 3 and 4).

Table 3: Summary of mineral composition of the pegmatites of Janjala area

Minerals	Janjala Pegmatite1(JP1)	Janjala Pegmatite 2(JP2)	Mahanga Pegmatite3(MP3)	Mahanga Pegmatite4(MP4)	Mahanga Pegmatite 5(MP5)
Rock forming Minerals (Vol.%)					
Alkali feldspar	15± 5	20 ± 5	22 ± 5	22 ± 5	25 ± 3
Plagioclase	20 ± 5	20± 5	15 ± 5	20 ± 5	21± 5
Quartz	30 ± 5	25 ± 5	10± 5	20± 5	23 ± 3
Biotite	20 ± 2	15 ±5	15 ± 1	10 ± 1	13 ±5
Chlorite	0-2	6±2	3 ± 2	3 ± 2	0-2
Muscovite	16± 10	15 ±5	5 ± 2	5 ± 2	16 ±3
Sericite	0-3	7 ± 3	15 ± 10	15 ± 10	5 ± 2
Hornblende	0-4	8± 3	0-2	0-4	1-3
	-	-	0- 2	0-2	0-3

Accessory Minerals (vol. %)					
Beryl	-	0-1	1.0	0-2	-
Lepidolite	0-3	-	0-2	-	0-4
Clevelandite	0-4	0-10	18 ± 8	0-10	0-10
Tourmaline	3 ± 2	8 ± 3	6 ± 2	0-4	0-8
Garnet	2 ± 1	4 ± 2	3 ± 2	4 ± 2	4 ± 2
Sphene	-	4 ± 1	1-3	4 ± 1	4 ± 1
Zircon	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4: Summary of mineral Composition of the host rocks (granite and schist) of Janjala area

Minerals	Granite 6 (Gr6)	Granite 7(Gr7)	Granite 8(Gr8)	Granite 9(Gr9)	Schist10 (SC10)	Schist 11(Sc11)
Rock forming Minerals (Vol.%)						
Alkali	-		22 ± 5	-	-	
feldspar	20 ± 5		10 ± 5	-	10 ± 5	10 ± 5
Plagioclase	20 ± 5		25 ± 5	20 ± 5	20 ± 5	20 ± 5
Quartz	10 ± 2		2 ± 1	15 ± 10	10 ± 2	10 ± 5
Biotite	-		3 ± 2	-	-	-
Chlorite	-		15 ± 10	-	-	-
Muscovite	-		15 ± 10	-	-	-
Sericite	-		0-2	-	3 ± 2	-
Hornblende	20 ± 5		15	10 ± 5	10 ± 5	-
Accessory Minerals (vol. %)						
Apatite	-	-	1.0	-	-	-
Beryl	-	-	0-2	-	-	-
Lepidolite	-	0-10	18 ± 8	-	-	-
Clevelandite	-	?	?	?	-	-
Tourmaline	3 ± 2	4 ± 2	3 ± 2	0-2	-	0-1
Garnet	2 ± 1	3 ± 2	0-2	0-4	0-2	2 ± 1
Sphene	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zircon	-	-	1-2	-	1-4	0-3

Geochemistry

Geochemical investigations of pegmatites and associated rocks were carried out to determine major, trace and Rare Earth Element (REE) variations. This is to understand the evolution (i.e. relationships with the surrounding rocks) of the pegmatites, and tectonic environments classification of the pegmatites and associated granitoids in Janjala area whose most mineralogical characteristics were obliterated and could not be identify under the microscope. The geochemical data of oxides, trace and Rare Earth Element REE are presented in tables (5, 6 and 7).

Table5: Averages of major oxides and ratios of whole rock of pegmatites in Janjala area

Sample ID	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	P ₂ O ₅	MnO	Cr ₂ O ₅
JK1	71.75	18.41	1.60	0.14	0.60	4.25	3.08	0.04	0.57	0.02	0.004
JK2	56.92	16.54	1.42	0.14	1.59	4.25	3.94	0.02	1.31	0.62	0.001
JK3	74.29	15.34	3.54	0.42	3.01	0.59	6.20	0.25	0.07	0.11	0.010
JK4	70.25	15.89	3.04	0.47	1.90	1.06	5.15	0.03	1.09	0.21	0.002
JK5	63.47	17.42	1.05	0.61	0.13	7.30	3.15	0.22	0.41	0.17	0.010
Gr6	68.19	16.53	1.67	0.50	1.34	0.66	6.10	0.25	0.20	0.02	0.006
Gr7	70.22	15.44	1.89	0.42	1.21	1.04	8.21	0.13	0.08	0.05	0.003
Gr8	71.23	15.45	1.92	0.05	0.42	0.79	8.99	0.02	0.02	0.13	0.002
Gr9	66.27	15.28	3.35	0.89	4.04	0.29	9.41	0.59	0.40	0.04	0.003
SC10	64.79	14.96	5.01	1.54	3.71	0.23	9.63	0.77	0.86	0.02	0.012
SC11	62.98	16.00	6.32	2.23	1.50	0.72	10.30	0.45	0.57	0.14	0.013

(wt%)

Table 5: Continued

Na ₂ O/K ₂ O	K ₂ O/Al ₂ O ₃	Na ₂ O/Al ₂ O ₃	Al ₂ O ₃ /Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	Al ₂ O ₃ /CaO+Na ₂ O ₃ +K ₂ O
1.38	0.17	0.23	2.51	2.32
1.08	0.24	0.26	2.02	1.69
0.10	0.40	0.04	2.26	1.57
0.21	0.32	0.07	2.56	1.96
2.32	0.18	0.42	1.67	1.65
0.11	0.37	0.04	2.45	2.04
0.13	0.53	0.07	1.67	1.48
0.09	0.58	0.05	1.58	1.51
0.03	0.62	0.02	1.58	1.11
0.02	0.64	0.02	1.52	1.10
0.07	0.64	0.05	1.45	1.28

The major element contents of whole rock samples of Janjala pegmatites has ranges of SiO₂ 74.29-56.92%, and in the associated rocks 71.23-62.98% and the other oxides ranges as Al₂O₃ 18.41-14.96%, Fe₂O₃ 6.32-1.05%, MgO 2.23-0.05%, CaO 4.04-0.13%, Na₂O 7.30-0.23%, K₂O 10.30-3.08%, TiO₂ 0.77-0.02%, P₂O₅ 1.31-0.02%, MnO 0.62-0.02% and Cr₂O₃ 0.013-0.001%.

Table 6: Averages of trace elements and ratios of whole rock of pegmatite of Janjala in (ppm)

ID	Be	Cs	Ga	Hf	Nb	Rb	Sn	Ta	W	Tl	Li	B	Nb/Ta	K/Rb
JK1	15.03	1350.5	21.9	1.90	16.70	1038.76	64.0	41.90	3.40	0.40	1030.0	650.0	0.40	24.62
JK2	8.69	895.5	34.98	6.10	25.10	789.80	87.0	34.76	2.30	2.30	4300.0	766.0	0.72	41.42
JK3	7.01	502.2	45.86	4.70	36.85	700.80	1002	80.20	5.10	5.10	6200.76	2000.0	0.46	73.45
JK4	13.00	765.3	20.0	24.20	140.30	140.20	58.0	199.1	2.20	2.20	5400.0	2000.0	0.70	304.96
JK5	21.00	2300.2	30.0	7.70	83.80	2800.30	588.0	201.4	3.70	3.70	6300.0	1837.0	0.42	9.34
Gr6	4.65	10.93	37.0	4.92	7.90	305.84	12.0	0.48	0.20	0.20	123.0	11.25	16.46	165.58
Gr7	7.15	10.28	13.10	5.13	23.81	382.45	5.00	1.76	0.70	0.70	120.0	29.75	13.53	178.22
Gr8	7.00	11.1	36.53	12.25	146.11	411.14	54.10	13.10	0.92	0.92	324.0	3.75	11.15	181.53
Gr9	4.20	26.19	19.92	6.40	8.90	106.10	6.11	1.450	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	6.14	736.30
SC10	5.15	24.92	37.79	8.08	15.62	143.40	7.23	2.90	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	5.39	557.52
SC11	8.10	32.2	22.45	4.45	27.10	104.48	13.90	3.15	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	8.60	818.44

The trace elements range as Rb 2 800.30-104.48 ppm, Cs 2300.20 -10.28ppm, Li 6 300.00-0.00 ppm, Be 15.03 - 4.20 ppm, Ga 45.86 - 13.10 ppm, Hf 24.20 – 1.90 ppm, Nb146.11- 7.90 ppm, Sn 1002.0ppm, W 5.10-0.20 ppm, TI 5.10-0.20ppm, B 2000.00 -0.00ppm, Ta 201.40-0.48ppm.

Table 7: Rare Earths Elements (REE) of the whole rock of pegmatites of Janjala

ID	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
JK1	5.76	8.50	2.41	5.60	0.82	0.46	2.14	0.34	2.06	0.06	2.05	3.00	0.67	1.02
JK2	1.70	5.10	0.70	2.04	1.03	0.02	1.11	0.68	2.50	0.17	0.99	0.93	2.39	0.38
JK3	4.11	7.90	1.63	6.1	1.34	0.60	1.62	0.11	2.10	0.72	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.10
JK4	21.1	37.40	4.27	17.38	3.03	0.27	2.32	0.34	2.20	0.55	1.09	0.5	1.98	0.35
JK5	18.98	37.30	5.00	14.8	3.02	0.23	1.71	0.20	1.02	0.82	0.35	0.72	0.91	0.01
Gr6	61.97	103.45	12.2	34.7	6.24	0.65	2.64	0.31	0.91	0.29	1.22	0.13	0.41	0.06
Gr7	27.69	47.68	5.97	11.7	6.10	0.74	5.00	0.61	5.03	0.81	2.05	0.40	2.00	0.12
Gr8	19.0	49.92	6.14	17.4	6.63	0.07	8.42	2.62	15.20	4.40	11.24	1.63	9.60	1.23
Gr9	26.95	60.15	66.19	23.1	5.06	1.65	4.16	0.89	3.80	0.82	1.82	1.05	1.25	0.10
SC10	41.0	76.13	8.40	41.0	6.00	2.12	4.77	0.26	2.83	1.40	1.76	0.32	0.82	0.22
SC11	31.6	68.55	8.20	30.5	8.84	2.71	7.10	2.01	8.00	0.93	4.08	0.27	4.80	0.61

Both the oxides , trace, and REE elements values compared favourably with Keffi pegmatites (Tanko, 2014) and other rare metal pegmatites field across Nigeria Akintola et al., 2012).

Relationships between pegmatite and associated rocks of Janjala area

The relationship between pegmatites and associated rocks of Janjala area is presented in Figures 25 and 26 below.

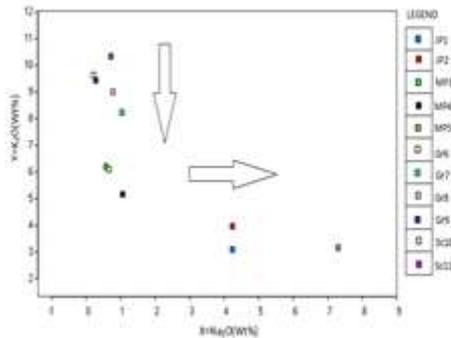


Figure 14: Plot of variation of K_2O vs Na_2O showing (after Chappell and White 1974)

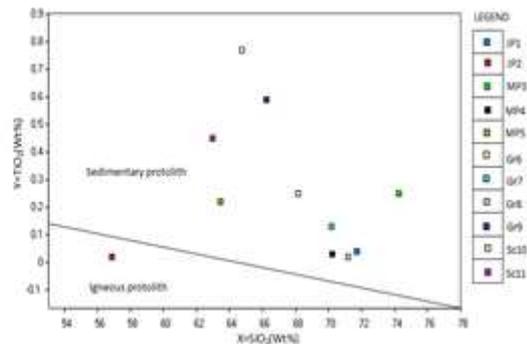


Figure 15: Plot of $TiO_2 + SiO_2$

Rare Earth Elements (REE) content of pegmatites and associated rock of Janjala area

Figures 27 and 28 show the contents of pegmatite and associated rocks of Janjala area.

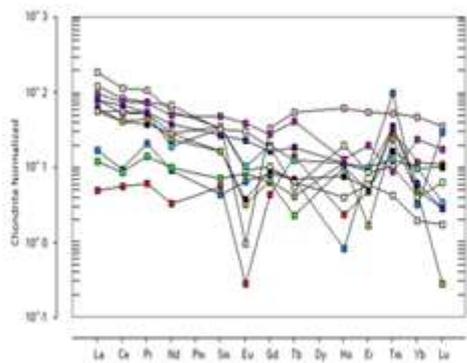


Figure 16: Plot of REE of pegmatites and associated rocks
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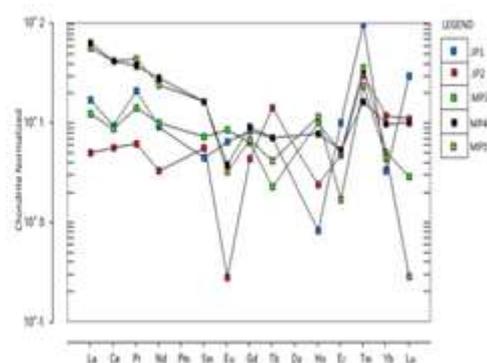


Figure 17: Plot of

Mineralization potentials of the pegmatites of Janjala area

The mineralization potential of the pegmatites of Janjala area are shown in figures 29, 30 and 31.

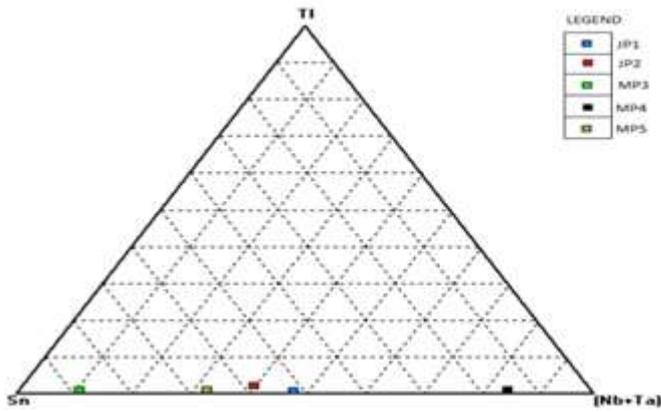


Figure 18: Plot of Ti-Sn-Nb+Ta of pegmatites of Janjala area (Adopted from Kuester,1990)

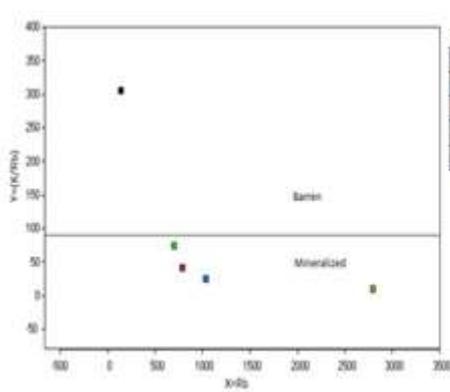


Figure 19: Plot of K/Rb vs Rb (after Staurov *et al.*, 1962) (Adapted from Cerny,1982a)

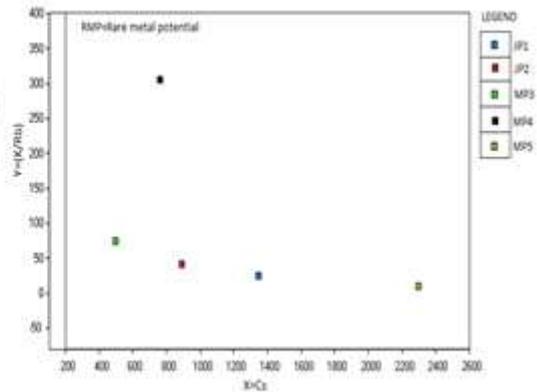


Figure 20: Plot of K/Rb vs Cs

Table 8: Comparison of the mineralization of Wamba, Nasarawa, Keffi and Janjala (Present work)

S/N	Characteristics	Wamba Pegmatite (Kuster, 1990)	Nasarawa Pegmatite (Adekeye and Akintola, 2008)	Keffi Pegmatite (Tanko, 2014)	Janjala Pegmatite (Present Work)
1	Mineralisation potentials	<p>-According to their rare alkali fractionation, Wamba pegmatites are members of rare metal class (Li-Cs-Ta).</p> <p>-They were shown to have Sn-Nb-Ta mineralisation.</p> <p>-In addition they contain garnet, tourmaline, and beryl.</p>	<p>- Classified the pegmatites as Li-Cs-Ta (LCT) of (Cerny, 1991).</p> <p>-Simple pegmatites consist of quartz, microcline, microperthite and minor plagioclase. Accessory minerals comprise of garnet, tourmaline, and magnetite.</p> <p>-Complex (mineralised) show pervasive albitisation, perthite crystal, quartz and ores of Nb-Ta-Sn-Li-Be.</p>	<p>Classified the pegmatites as LCT type of (Tank,2014)</p> <p>-Mineralised pegmatites consist of quartz, microcline, plagioclase. Accessory minerals comprise of garnet, tourmaline,sericite, tourmaline.</p> <p>-Complex (mineralised) show pervasive alteration sericitization, and tourmalinization)</p>	<p>-Classified the pegmatites as LCT type</p> <p>-Mineralised pegmatites which consist of quartz, k-feldspar, plagioclase. Accessory minerals comprise of Beryl, Lepidolite, Clevelandite, Tourmaline, Sphene</p> <p>-Complex (mineralised) show pervasive alteration sericitization, muscovitization and tourmalinization)</p> <p>-Potential for Nb,Ta,Sn mineralization</p>

DISCUSSION

Classification and tectonic environments of the pegmatites and associated rocks of Janjala area

Following after the tectonic environment classification criteria of pegmatites and its associated granitic rocks and the realisation that genesis of most granitic rocks relate to different environments (Cerny, 1991b; Martin and De Vito, 2005; London, 2005) and different mineralisation is also related to different environments; that the relationships between Janjala pegmatites and its associated granitic rocks and their environments is considered necessary in understanding their mineralization potential. The plot of Rb vs Yb + Ta (figure 11) and the plot of Na₂O + K₂O vs Si₂O (figure 12) which show that majority of the samples plot in the Syn-Collisional Granite (SYN-COLG) and Within Plate Granite (WPG) field. Similarly the plot of ASI/CNK vs Si₂O (figure 23) shows that most of the Janjala pegmatites and the associated granitic rocks are strongly to mildly peraluminous. Also the AFM diagram show the rocks of Janjala fall in the calc-alkaline series. All these are indications of the granitic and tectonic nature of the origin of both Janjala pegmatites and its associated granites. Furthermore, they suggest them belonging to the Older granite rock series associated with the syn- to late-Pan African magmatic activities as proposed by Kuster (1990) and Garba (2003).

Relationships and genesis of the pegmatite and the associated granites

The field proximity between the pegmatites, the granites and the schist and the mineralogical compositions is suggestive of a common genesis. Petrographically, predominance of major minerals; quartz, k-feldspar, plagioclase, muscovite and accessory minerals such as lepidolite, sericite, tourmaline, clelandite, beryl, zircon, sphene in both the pegmatites and associated granites are suggestive of common origin.

Dill (2015) noted that pegmatites are normally found in environments different from their places of origin and that they are often mobilised at depth and migrate into different environments. It may thus be concluded that the dry pegmatitic melt that form the pegmatites and their associated granitic rocks of Janjala area was generated from the metasedimentary rocks by remobilisation during anatexis at depths beneath their places of emplacement; and that the mobilised melt rose to shallower depths to intrude the overlying granites and schists.

From both oxides and trace element and the relationship between the pegmatites and associated rocks of Janjala area, the variation of K₂O vs Na₂O³ and TiO₂ + Si₂O, it can be seen that there is a link between pegmatites and the associated rocks. The REE values in all the samples show light REE enriched fractionated abundance patterns. The degree of light REE enrichment increase in the order schist- granites- pegmatites (figures 16 and 17). The similarities in the patterns suggest linkages within the pegmatites and between the pegmatites and the associated rocks. The irregularities may imply a complicated evolutionary history. The REE abundance in the Janjala area both match closely with those in similar terrain of other North Central Nigeria.

Mineralization potential of the pegmatites

On the basis of field and petrographic observations the pegmatites of Janjala area have shown common features in (tables 1, 3 and figure 9). The major mineral contents of quartz, K-feldspar, plagioclase, muscovite and the accessory minerals such as lepidolite, tourmaline, sericite, lepidolite, zircon, clelandite; as well as the sericitization, muscovitization and

lepidolization that characterize the pegmatites indicate that most of the minerals were formed from secondary processes. These features suggest the pegmatites to be moderately evolved and mineralised. Comparably, these pegmatites correspond to the complex type (LCT) of the rare metal pegmatites and may be potential for both rare metal and gemstones mineralisation (Cerny, 1982a, 1982b; Cerny & Ercit, 2005).

From the plots of Ti-Sn-Nb+Ta of the pegmatites (figure 18) , K/Rb vs Rb (figure 19) and K/Rb vs Cs (figure 20), it suggest that the pegmatites of Janjala area are relatively rich in Sn, Ta and Nb. Furthermore, it is believed that extreme fractionation of lithophile element such as Rb and Cs is common geochemical feature of granitic pegmatites, especially the rare metal bearing types. Late-stage progressive fractional crystallization leads to decrease in K/Rb ratio implying metasomatism and invariably mineralization (Akitola et al. 2012). From table 8, the plot of Ti-Sn-Nb+Ta of pegmatites (figure 18), the plot of K/Rb vs Rb (figure 19) and Plot of K/Rb vs Cs (figure 20), it can be inferred that the Janjala pegmatites are relatively fractionated when compared with the rare-metal pegmatites. Also the degree of albitization revealed by the triangular Ti-Sn-(Nb+Ta) discriminate plot, the Janjala pegmatites which fall within the zone of albitization, indicating mineralization potential. Furthermore, from (table 8) the Janjala pegmatites are comparable to the rare-metal pegmatites of Wamba Pegmatites (Kuster, 1990), Nasarawa pegmatites (Adekeye and Akintola, 2008) and Keffi pegmatites (Tanko, 2014) of the North Central Nigeria.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded from the field investigation that the six (6) lithological units identified in the area consist of the biotite schist, muscovite schist, fine grained muscovite granite, medium grained biotite granite, medium grained granite, porphyritic granite and the pegmatites. All the pegmatites are unconformably emplaced and restricted to the biotite schist unit in the area around Janjala and Mahanga villages. Petrographic studies reveal the major mineral as quartz, k-feldspar, plagioclase, muscovite, whilst accessory mineral which comprise of lepidolite, beryl, clevelandite, sericite, sphene, tourmaline and zircon suggesting the pegmatites are relatively evolved and mineralized.

Geochemical determination of both oxides and trace contents indicate high fractionation and mineralization potential. Furthermore, the pegmatites of Janjala area compared favourably well with the other relatively mineralized rare-metal pegmatites of the North Central Nigeria such as Wamba pegmatites , Nasarawa pegmatites and Keffi pegmatites.

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