

# MAGNETITE INDICATOR OF GENESIS AND POTENTIAL GRANITOID ORE-BEARING IN THE HODRUŠA-ŠTIAVNICA INTRUSIVE COMPLEX (LATE TERTIARY, WESTERN CARPATHIANS)

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**Abstract:** In the granitoid rocks of the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex there are two magnetite types observed: primary magmatic phenocrysts of idiomorphic or even hypidiomorphic habit of about 0.3 mm size and magnetite grain size over 0.3 mm. These must have been originated due to the reaction of rock-forming minerals with the melt. Chemical composition of Fe-Ti oxide minerals from granitoid rocks of the regions under study proved their being formed by magnetite which contains magnetite solid solution as well as thin lamellae ilmenite solution. With its chemical composition this magnetite is similar to those from granitoid rocks – products of differentiation of trachyte-andesitic and trachyte-basaltic magma. Ni/Co ratio in the examined magnetites suggests a deeper magma origination under increased oxygen fugacity and original magma alkalinity. Elevated Au and lowered Pb and Zn contents in magnetites support the theory that the Intrusive Complex may have been one of the sources of the metals of base- and precious-metal mineralization in the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex.

**Key words:** Western Carpathians, Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex, granitoids, magnetite, metal mineralization, magnetic susceptibility.

## Introduction

According to Konečný et al. (1983), the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex (hereafter HŠIC) represents a complex of intrusive rocks in the area of Banská Štiavnica–Hodruša-Hámre; the rocks show diorite and granodiorite composition. In its central part HŠIC is formed by a granodiorite intrusion, most probably of bell-jar shape (Miháliková et al. 1980), and in the peripheral part by several smaller bodies. HŠIC, situated within underlying pre-volcanic rocks, is ascending onto the surface in the area of Hodruša. In the area of Štiavnica it is present under volcanic complex and has been proved by test boring and groves.

## Sampling and treatment methodology

The examined sample material can be divided into three groups. The first group is represented by samples taken from exposures (labelled GRŠ, DRŠ), the second one by material from the workings of the Rosalia Mine, New Shaft and New Drainage Adit (labelled RB, BŠ, NOŠ) and the third group is represented by sample BT-7 from upper hole BT-7, from

916 m depth. The weight of the samples was 10 kg. Sample locations are given in Fig. 1.

All the samples were tested for their petrophysical features. Magnetic susceptibility was measured with a MA-21 apparatus at Kiev State University and with a KT-5 and KLY-2 apparatuses at the Geological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava.

In sample treatment there was applied a methodology to get monomineralic fraction which was suggested by Veselský and Žabka (1976). Sample material was pounded, concentrated and separated and evaluated by a methodology commonly used with preparation and examination of “artificial schliers”. To get pure monomineralic fraction of magnetite there were three methodologies applied: 1) magnetite separation with a hand magnet, 2) magnetite separation with a hand magnet followed by purification under a binocular, 3) magnetite separation with a hand magnet and by dissolution of impurities and mineral compounds (especially those with quartz and amphibole) with hydrofluoric acid.

After the results of trace elements distribution in magnetite being compared, separation with a hand magnet followed by purification under a binocular was found the most convenient methodology.

Then, magnetites were divided into two fractions of grain size: 0.25–0.50 mm and below 0.25 mm. In this way two magnetite generations were separated with their crystal shape considered as well. Primary development of magnetite is shown by idiomorphic octahedral grain shape (Fig. 2) and size up to 0.25 mm. Postmagmatic magnetites are characteristic for idiomorphic and hypidiomorphic texture with marked striation (Fig. 3). Their size usually exceeds 0.3 mm.

Total TiO<sub>2</sub> contents in magnetites from the whole bulk of the separated mineral phase were determined by a classic gravimetric analysis (analyst Ernest Walzel). The contents of

trace elements were stated by atomic absorption spectrometric analysis (AAS) with an atomic absorption spectrophotometer of Pye–Unicam Ltd. (Philips, model PU-9000 with deuterium background corrector) and by optical emission spectroscopy (OES) with a PGS-2 spectrometer of Carl-Zeiss Jena in a unidirectional current arc.

With particular magnetite samples, distribution of some elements (Ti, Fe, Ca, etc.) was examined with an X-ray microanalyzer JXA-5 (analyst D. Jančula) and Jeol Superprobe 733 (analysts: F. Caño, P. Siman).

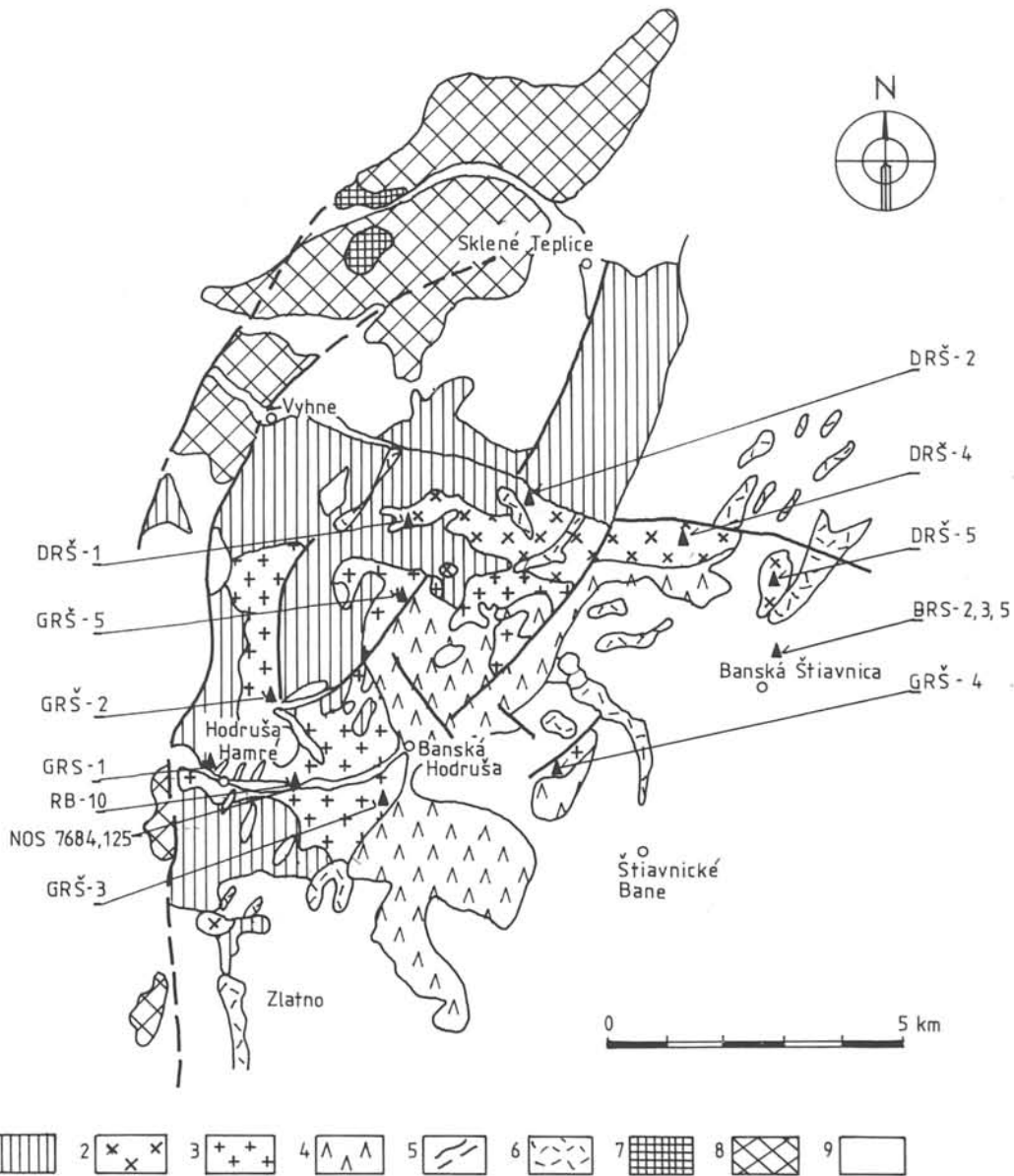
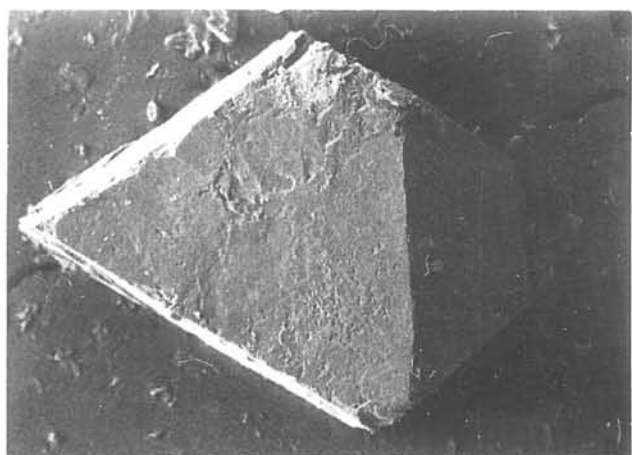
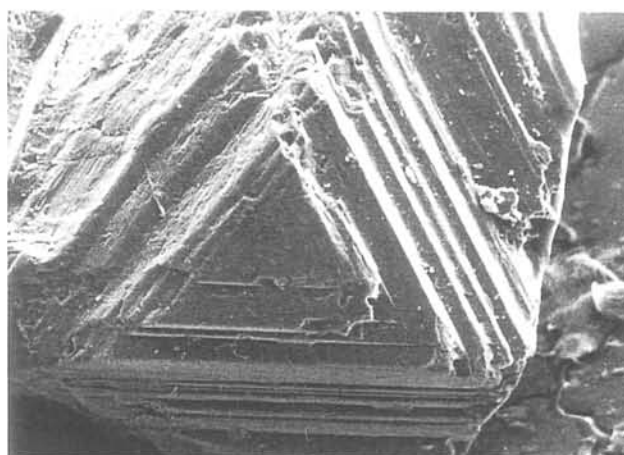


Fig. 1. Schematic geological map of the Banská Štiavnica and Hodruša surroundings.

1 – pre-Neogene fundament rocks; 2 – diorite-gabbrodiorite; 3 – granodiorite; 4 – quartz-dioritic porphyry (sills, localities); 5 – quartz-diorite porphyry (veins); 6 – quartz-diorite porphyry (thick veins); 7 – rhyolites of the Hlink type; 8 – rhyolites of the Kremnica type; 9 – andesites – non-classified (Badenian–Sarmatian).



**Fig. 2.** Octahedral shape of primary magnetite (sample GRŠ-1), magnified 290 × (Photo: I. Holický).



**Fig. 3.** Octahedral shape of secondary magnetite with striation (detail, sample GRŠ-2), magnified 770 × (Photo: I. Holický).

### General characteristics of magnetite

Magnetite is the most widespread accessory mineral in all the examined samples of granitoid rocks. Its contents in granodiorites vary within the range of 9.364–19.129 g/t. Lower magnetite contents in diorites are rather strange, they range from 1.808 to 5.996 g/t. The lowest magnetite content was found in diorite from the locality of Vindišlajtna (sample DRŠ-2) and the highest one in diorite from the area of Šobov (sample DRŠ-5).

In granitoid rocks of HŠIC, magnetite most frequently occurs in the shape of irregular granules, less frequently in the form of regular steel-grey or black crystals with octahedral habit. It is typical for its submetallic luster.

In HŠIC granodiorites there were found two genetic types of magmatic Fe-Ti oxides (Šulgan 1986). The first of them is represented by primary magmatic idiomorphic sometimes even hypidiomorphic phenocrysts of about 0.3 mm average size. They are enclosed mainly in biotite and amphibole. Less frequently they can be found in plagioclase and K-feldspar as well. The second genetic type of Fe-Ti oxides is formed by small granules occurring in the peripheral parts of amphibole and biotite phenocrysts. The granules must have originated as a result of the reaction of these minerals with the melt (Wones and Eugster 1965; Czamanske and Wones 1973).

In general, all Fe-Ti oxides granules in HŠIC granodiorites are formed by magnetite which besides magnetite solid solution  $Mt_{ss}$  contains also thin lamellae, and/or sandwich-shape formations made of ilmenite solid solution  $Ilm_{ss}$ . Separated  $Ilm_{ss}$  phenocrysts are very rare in granodiorites (less than 0.5 g/t) except one sample where  $Ilm_{ss}$  content is as high as 2 g/t. (Rajnoha 1987).

Porphyric granodiorite variety contains almost homogeneous magnetite granules with a few  $Ilm_{ss}$  lamellae (less than 5 % of the total Fe-Ti oxides area). Unlike this,  $Ilm_{ss}$  lamella and sandwich contents in non-porphyric granodiorites are much higher (more than 10 %). Irrespective of rock texture, mean  $TiO_2$  content in Fe-Ti oxides from HŠIC granodiorites is about 2 % (Rajnoha 1989). This is a magnetite which contains not only ilmenite solid solution phase but also highly stoichiometric magnetite solid solution  $Mt_{ss}$ . Stoichiometric

degree with ideal magnetites is 3 while with  $Mt_{ss}$  from HŠIC granodiorites it does not exceed 2.9.  $Mt_{ss}$  and  $Ilm_{ss}$  textures also support the primary origin of accessory magnetites.

### Magnetite chemical composition

The results of 24 X-ray analyses of various HŠIC rock types (Tab. 1) show a rather low variability in chemical composition. Magnetite is typical for high  $TiO_2$  contents, as high as 10.75 wt % in sample DRŠ-2. The lowest  $TiO_2$  content was found with sample GRŠ-1 (0.68 wt %).

All the samples show lowered NiO contents (0–0.006 wt %) compared to CoO, the contents of which are of a higher rank, which is proved by AAS and OES analyses (Tabs. 2, 3) and Ni/Co ratio is always lower than 1.

Elevated  $Cr_2O_3$  contents in all the magnetites from HŠIC granodiorites (on average 0.09 wt %) support their belonging to the group of basic magma differentiation products.

Chemical composition of magnetites from HŠIC granodiorites is similar to those from granodiorites – differentiation products of trachyte-andesitic and trachyte-basaltic magma (Rub et al. 1988).

In the examined magnetites from granitoids (Tabs. 2, 3), Ti, Mn, Cr, Co, Ni, Cu and Sc contents are close to the mean contents of these elements in the magnetites of intrusive granitoid rocks which are supposed to have originated from magmas of gabbro-diorite-granodiorite rank. The composition of accessory magnetite from HŠIC granitoids proves its correspondence to a derived granitoid formation that was originated by basic melt differentiation. This presumption is supported also by Ni/Co ratio in the magnetites from the granitoid rocks of the Complex. In the rocks derived from under-crustal and crustal magmas Ni/Co ratio is higher than 1 (Kogarko 1973). Ni/Co ratio in HŠIC magnetites varies within the range of 0.4–0.7 which shows that HŠIC granitoid rocks were formed by gabbroid magma differentiation under mantle conditions of oxygen fugacity and melt alkalinity.

Pb, Zn and Cu contents (10–43 ppm, 137–162 ppm and 17–45 ppm respectively) in magnetites (Tab. 2) are lower than those given for non-productive granitoid rocks

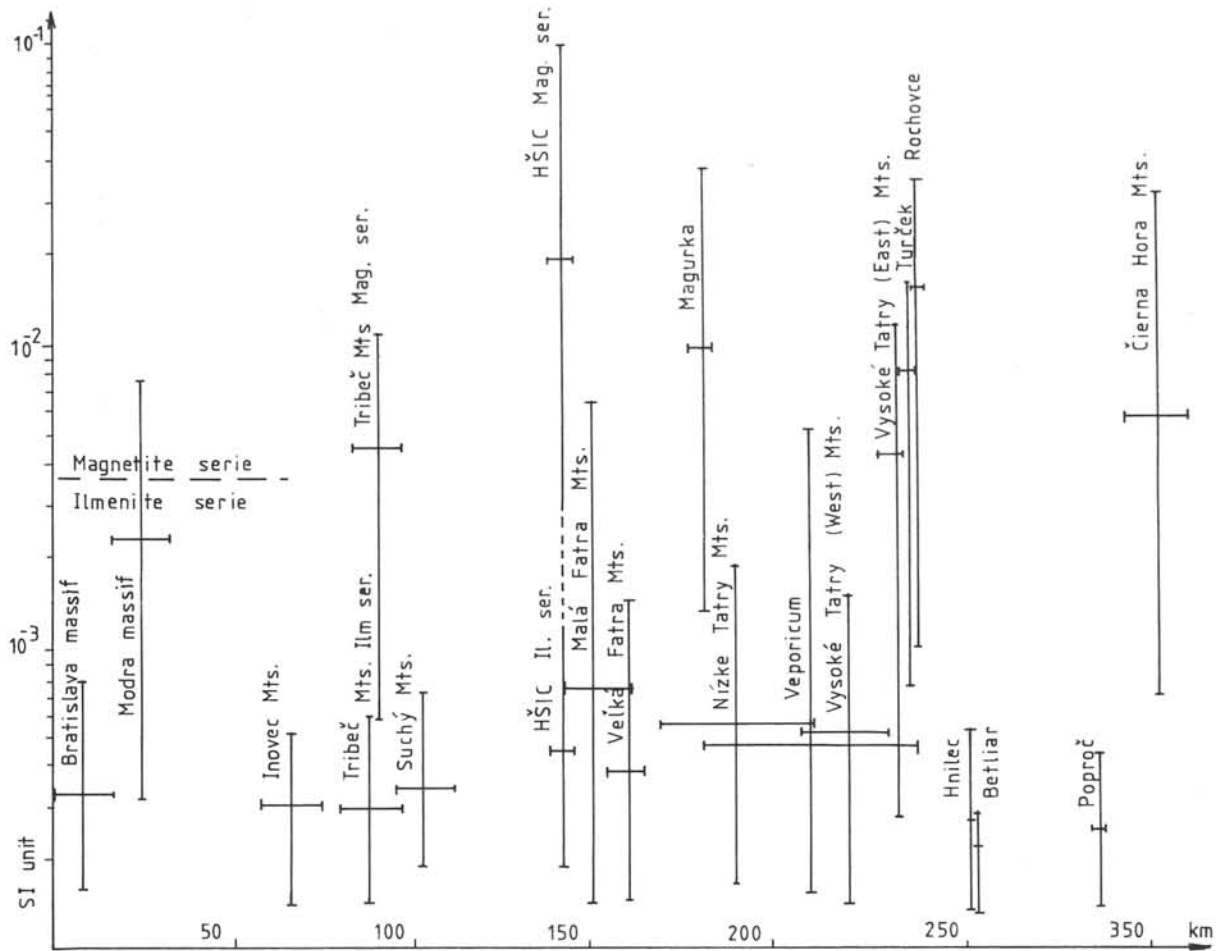


Fig. 4. Magnetic susceptibility of the Western Carpathian granitoids with their geographic dislocation (Gregor, 1990).

1 – Tatricum and Veporicum granitoids; 2 – Gemicum granitoids; 3 – metamorphic mantle of Tatricum and Veporicum granitoids; 4 and 5 – Gemicum metamorphic and sedimentary rocks; 6 – Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex (HŠIC).

**Table 1.** X-ray microanalyses of magnetites from granodiorites and diorites of the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex.

| Rock         | Sample No. | Location of the analysed points | weight %         |                                |       |                                |        |                                |       |       |       |                 | Total  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|
|              |            |                                 | TiO <sub>2</sub> | Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | MnO   | Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | MgO    | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | CaO   | CoO   | NiO   | WO <sub>3</sub> |        |
| granodiorite | GRŠ-1      | core                            | 1.965            | 0.049                          | 0.017 | 94.837                         | 0.000  | 0.348                          | 0.119 | 0.099 | 0.000 | 0.000           | 97.444 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 0.615                          | 0.048 | 0.056                          | 95.418 | 0.013                          | 0.105 | 0.065 | 0.078 | 0.000           | 0.000  |
|              | GRŠ-2      | core                            | 1.664            | 0.042                          | 0.038 | 94.834                         | 0.000  | 0.246                          | 0.017 | 0.081 | 0.011 | 0.091           | 87.024 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 1.254                          | 0.054 | 0.020                          | 95.924 | 0.000                          | 0.273 | 0.156 | 0.103 | 0.010           | 0.023  |
|              | GRŠ-3      | core                            | 1.310            | 0.062                          | 0.093 | 94.967                         | 0.000  | 0.303                          | 0.031 | 0.048 | 0.004 | 0.003           | 96.821 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 2.162                          | 0.057 | 0.016                          | 95.174 | 0.001                          | 0.811 | 0.096 | 0.078 | 0.005           | 0.002  |
|              | GRŠ-4      | core                            | 1.254            | 0.071                          | 0.093 | 93.523                         | 0.026  | 1.030                          | 0.011 | 0.051 | 0.003 | 0.113           | 98.847 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 2.698                          | 0.055 | 0.081                          | 94.444 | 0.000                          | 0.815 | 0.000 | 0.083 | 0.004           | 0.045  |
|              | GRŠ-5      | core                            | 4.111            | 0.052                          | 0.043 | 92.568                         | 0.002  | 1.139                          | 0.013 | 0.219 | 0.012 | 0.011           | 98.170 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 2.557                          | 0.116 | 0.021                          | 92.898 | 0.008                          | 0.377 | 0.047 | 0.127 | 0.009           | 0.137  |
| diorite      | DRŠ-1      | core                            | 4.840            | 0.101                          | 0.703 | 93.580                         | 0.010  | 0.291                          | 0.006 | 0.077 | 0.001 | 0.058           | 99.667 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 3.885                          | 0.064 | 0.575                          | 94.212 | 0.028                          | 0.421 | 0.015 | 0.040 | 0.000           | 0.213  |
|              | DRŠ-2      | core                            | 10.757           | 0.079                          | 0.066 | 87.242                         | 0.000  | 0.071                          | 0.016 | 0.078 | 0.001 | 0.021           | 98.331 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 7.823                          | 0.098 | 0.053                          | 89.323 | 0.001                          | 0.109 | 0.021 | 0.062 | 0.001           | 0.009  |
|              | DRŠ-4      | core                            | 2.519            | 0.130                          | 0.139 | 93.271                         | 0.000  | 0.631                          | 0.001 | 0.092 | 0.001 | 0.058           | 96.842 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 2.274                          | 0.114 | 0.163                          | 94.708 | 0.000                          | 0.711 | 0.004 | 0.084 | 0.000           | 0.021  |
|              | DRŠ-5      | core                            | 1.983            | 0.173                          | 0.432 | 94.952                         | 0.001  | 0.901                          | 0.008 | 0.049 | 0.000 | 0.000           | 98.499 |
|              |            |                                 | rim              | 2.173                          | 0.129 | 0.566                          | 95.325 | 0.002                          | 0.989 | 0.009 | 0.031 | 0.000           | 0.000  |

Analysed by: E. Caño, P. Siman.

**Table 2.** Contents of Mn, Zn, Cu, Cd, Bi, Ni and Pb in magnetites from granodiorites and diorites of the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex (atomic absorption spectrometry analysis).

| Sample No. | Granularity (mm) | Rock         | <i>g/t</i> |     |      |      |       |    |    |
|------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-----|------|------|-------|----|----|
|            |                  |              | Mn         | Zn  | Cu   | Cd   | Bi    | Ni | Pb |
| GRŠ-1      | < 0.25           | granodiorite | 1700       | 162 | 17   | –    | tr.   | 20 | 21 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 2030       | 160 | 38   | < 10 | tr.   | 70 | 10 |
| GRŠ-2      | < 0.25           |              | 1625       | 140 | 38   | tr.  | tr.   | 50 | 23 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 2600       | 165 | 45   | tr.  | tr.   | 60 | 35 |
| GRŠ-3      | < 0.25           |              | 2375       | 150 | 32   | tr.  | tr.   | 60 | 10 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 3180       | 156 | 38   | < 10 | tr.   | 16 | 60 |
| GRŠ-4      | < 0.25           |              | 675        | 137 | 25   | < 10 | < 100 | 25 | 15 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 1200       | 148 | 35   | –    | < 100 | 20 | 15 |
| GRŠ-5      | < 0.25           |              | 980        | 157 | 25   | –    | < 100 | 28 | 43 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 800        | 155 | 28   | < 10 | < 100 | 20 | 24 |
| NOŠ-125    | < 0.16           | 2450         | 100        | 39  | < 10 | tr.  | tr.   | 25 |    |
|            | 0.16–0.25        | ~ 5000       | 92         | 16  | tr.  | tr.  | tr.   | 45 |    |
|            | 0.25–5.00        | 3580         | 133        | 44  | 5.4  | tr.  | tr.   | 45 |    |
| DRŠ-1      | < 0.25           | diorite      | 2800       | 64  | 15   | < 10 | < 100 | 16 | 60 |
| DRŠ-2      | < 0.25           |              | 4700       | 100 | 89   | < 10 | < 100 | 20 | 55 |
| DRŠ-4      | 0.25–0.50        |              | 2310       | 125 | 30   | < 10 | tr.   | 10 | 20 |
|            | < 0.25           |              | 9150       | 154 | 24   | < 10 | < 100 | 30 | 55 |
| DRŠ-5      | 0.25–0.50        |              | 4850       | 230 | 20   | –    | tr.   | 27 | 30 |
|            | < 0.25           |              | 2200       | 138 | 20   | < 10 | < 100 | 25 | 40 |
|            | 0.25–0.50        |              | 2150       | 178 | 28   | < 10 | < 100 | 20 | 30 |

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**Table 3.** Spectrochemical trace elements analysis results of magnetites from the granodiorites and diorites (The Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex).

| Sample No. | Granularity (mm) | g/t  |      |        |      |      |      |        |        |     |     |    |       |       |      |     |      |      |
|------------|------------------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|----|-------|-------|------|-----|------|------|
|            |                  | Cu   | Pb   | V      | Ni   | Co   | Zr   | Mn     | Ti     | Ag  | Zn  | Y  | Cr    | La    | Sn   | Mo  | Sc   | Ga   |
| GRŠ-1      | < 0.25           | 78   | 19.5 | > 3000 | 23.4 | 32   | 620  | 1820   | > 3000 | < 3 | 191 | 51 | 24.5  | 245   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 132  |
|            | < 0.50           | 35   | 14.8 | > 3000 | 18.8 | 29   | 690  | ≅ 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 112 | 76 | 11.5  | 355   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 129  |
| GRŠ-2      | < 0.25           | 60   | 17.0 | > 3000 | 22.4 | 37   | 780  | 2240   | > 3000 | < 3 | 350 | 51 | 22.4  | 229   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 93   |
|            | < 0.50           | 35   | 7.6  | > 3000 | 18.6 | 36   | 1000 | 2365   | > 3000 | < 3 | 229 | 68 | 28.5  | 282   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 76   |
| GRŠ-3      | < 0.25           | 148  | 20.4 | > 3000 | 38.0 | 47   | 200  | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 500 | 57 | 21.5  | 245   | < 30 | ≅ 3 | < 3  | 85   |
|            | < 0.50           | 132  | 12.6 | > 3000 | 28.2 | 48   | 450  | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 320 | 81 | 26.3  | 239   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 62   |
| GRŠ-4      | < 0.25           | 33   | 13.2 | > 3000 | 11.5 | 36   | 470  | 870    | > 3000 | < 3 | 89  | 40 | 22.9  | 229   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 63   |
|            | < 0.50           | 44   | 60.0 | > 3000 | 26.9 | 34   | 690  | 1150   | > 3000 | < 3 | 380 | 68 | 13.5  | 245   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 145  |
| GRŠ-5      | < 0.25           | 54   | 47.0 | > 3000 | 25.5 | 35   | 1000 | 870    | > 3000 | < 3 | 540 | 64 | 21.4  | 380   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 87   |
|            | < 0.50           | 27   | 7.6  | > 3000 | 18.4 | 27   | 890  | 575    | > 3000 | < 3 | 117 | 63 | 20.4  | 262   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 98   |
| NOŠ-125    | < 0.25           | 5    | 33.0 | > 3000 | 29.5 | 47   | 470  | > 3000 | > 3000 | = 3 | 525 | 63 | 91.0  | 470   | 45   | 8   | 13   | 257  |
|            | < 0.50           | 8    | 23.4 | > 3000 | 28.2 | 44   | 1120 | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 690 | 50 | 101.0 | 540   | < 30 | 8   | 10   | 195  |
| NOŠ-7884   | < 0.25           | 14   | 22.1 | > 3000 | 21.7 | 36   | 580  | 1910   | > 3000 | < 3 | 142 | 53 | 23.1  | 238   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 91   |
|            | < 0.50           | 26   | 9.3  | > 3000 | 19.6 | 38   | 130  | 2150   | > 3000 | < 3 | 185 | 72 | 29.3  | 271   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 82   |
| RB-10      | < 0.25           | 9    | 19.2 | > 3000 | 26.1 | 44   | 350  | > 3000 | > 3000 | = 3 | 214 | 61 | 72.1  | 420   | < 30 | ≅ 3 | 6    | 214  |
|            | < 0.50           | 12   | 31.8 | > 3000 | 29.2 | 49   | 3000 | > 1050 | > 3000 | < 3 | 470 | 58 | 97.0  | 420   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 129  |
| DRŠ-1      | < 0.25           | 10   | 10.0 | 455    | 21.4 | 22   | < 30 | 1010   | > 3000 | < 3 | 330 | 72 | 23.4  | 100   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | < 3  |
|            | < 0.50           | 20   | 10.7 | 500    | 30.2 | 24   | < 30 | 710    | > 3000 | < 3 | 288 | 65 | 25.1  | 100   | < 30 | < 3 | 6    | < 3  |
| DRŠ-2      | < 0.25           | 110  | 10.2 | 2880   | 25.1 | 40   | < 30 | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 191 | 65 | 32.0  | 239   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | < 3  |
|            | < 0.50           | 46   | 7.1  | 1320   | 18.0 | 33   | < 30 | > 3000 | < 3000 | < 3 | 30  | 65 | 69.0  | 100   | < 30 | < 3 | 28   | ≅ 3  |
| DRŠ-4      | < 0.25           | 18.0 | 3.0  | 2450   | 71.0 | 81   | < 30 | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 370 | 24 | 45    | ≅ 100 | < 30 | < 3 | 21   | < 3  |
|            | < 0.50           | 18.2 | 26.0 | 1620   | 43.0 | 46   | < 30 | > 3000 | > 3000 | < 3 | 30  | 38 | 17    | > 100 | < 30 | < 3 | 27.5 | < 3  |
| DRŠ-5      | < 0.25           | 22.0 | 10.7 | 2750   | 29.5 | 31   | < 30 | 2630   | > 3000 | < 3 | 450 | 49 | 48    | 191   | < 30 | < 3 | < 3  | 7    |
|            | < 0.50           | 26.9 | 12.3 | 2750   | 22.9 | 31.6 | < 30 | 2290   | > 3000 | < 3 | 35  | 45 | 81    | > 100 | < 30 | < 3 | 6    | ≅ 10 |

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**Table 4.** Gold contents in magnetites and in rocks of the Hodruša-Štiavnica Intrusive Complex (atomic absorption spectrometry analysis).

| Sample No. | Au g/t |           |
|------------|--------|-----------|
|            | Rock   | Magnetite |
| GRŠ-1      | 0.312  | 0.091     |
| GRŠ-2      | 0.120  | 0.072     |
| GRŠ-3      | 0.071  | 0.061     |
| GRŠ-4      | 0.110  | 0.080     |
| GRŠ-5      | 0.120  | 0.077     |
| BŠ-2       | 0.149  | 0.084     |
| BŠ-3       | 0.040  | 0.061     |
| BŠ-5       | 0.092  | 0.072     |
| RB-10      | 0.161  | 0.088     |
| NOŠ-125    | 0.079  | 0.063     |
| NOŠ-7684   | 0.110  | 0.089     |
| BT-7       | 0.091  | 0.071     |

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(Lyakhovitch and Lyakhovitch 1983). The mentioned authors suggest that polymetallic Pb-Zn ore mineralizations are bound to later phases of gabbro-granodiorite-granite intrusions in which mean Pb and Zn contents in magnetites are 30 ppm and 185 ppm respectively, while in primary magne-

tites from non-productive intrusions of granitoid rocks, mean Pb and Zn contents are 488 and 268 respectively.

Au contents (Tab. 4) in magnetites from HŠIC granodiorites show an inverse trend of Pb, Zn and Cu. They vary within the range of 0.06–0.09 ppm which considerably exceeds the mean value of Au content (0.028 ppm, Grabezhev et al. 1979) for magnetites of non-productive granitoid rocks. Mean Au content in magnetites from HŠIC granitoids (0.084 ppm) and lowered Pb and Zn contents suggest (Lyakhovitch and Lyakhovitch 1983) that one of possible sources of the metals of base- and precious-metal ore mineralization is HŠIC as well.

### Discussion

With regard to variable magnetic susceptibility value Ishihara (1979, 1981) divided granitoid rocks into two granitoid series: magnetite and ilmenite series. Both they are connected with various types of ore mineralization (Ishihara, 1981). Magnetite series granitoids are mainly related to the deposits of Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, Au, Ag and scheelite. Ilmenite series is typical for the deposits of cassiterite, wolframite, beryl and fluorite.

As Gregor (1987, 1990) presents, when studying magnetic susceptibility of the granitoid rocks of the Western Carpathians, several authors found low values of magnetic susceptibility of most granitoids which ranks them with ilmenite

series. According to high values of magnetic susceptibility, H<sub>2</sub>SiC granitoid rocks can be included in magnetite series (Fig. 4). This conclusion is supported also by data on amphibole ferrosity (Šulgan 1986) and chemical composition of accessory magnetites (Rajnoha 1987, 1989).

### Conclusions

Ni/Co ratio in magnetite series varies within the range of 0.4–0.6 which points to a deeper origin of magma under elevated oxygen fugacity and alkalinity of the original melt.

Elevated Au and lowered Pb and Zn contents in magnetites from H<sub>2</sub>SiC granodiorites suggest that granodiorite may have been a source of base- and precious-metal ore mineralization in the area of Banská Štiavnica–Banská Hodruša.

According to Ishihara's classification (1981), H<sub>2</sub>SiC granitoids with high values of magnetic susceptibility were ascending due to tension of the environment from big depths and under high oxygen fugacity. The presented data suggest that magmas may have been ascending up the faults caused by a tension in the crust due to diapir ascent in the area of the Pannonian Basin. The type of ore mineralization, in Ishihara's classification ascribed to this magnetite series, corresponds with that one in the district of the Hodruša-Štiavnica ore field which appears to be one the richest base- and precious-metal ore districts in Slovakia.

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