

Benstonite - $\text{Ba}_6\text{Ca}_6\text{Mg}(\text{CO}_3)_{13}$

Hardness = 3 - 4. Cleavage: Distinct/good. Soluble in acids.

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