## **Supporting Information**

Macrocyclic	Se	e <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> [7,7]Ferro	and				
Se <sub>2</sub> N[10]ferroce	nophane	Containing	Benzyl	Unit:	Synt	hesis,	
Complexation,	Crystal	Structures,	Electrochemica			l and	
<b>Optical Propert</b>	ties						

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	L	.1		L2				
Se1-C1	1.911(2)	Se1-C11 <sup>i</sup>	1.954(3)	Se1-C1	1.901(4)	N1-C12	1.471(5)	
Se2-C6	1.902(3)	Se2-C13	1.960(2)	Se1-C11	1.964(4)	N1-C13	1.474(5)	
N1-C12	1.463(3)	N1-C14	1.472(3)	Se2-C6	1.906(4)	N1-C15	1.461(5)	
N1-C15	1.461(3)			Se2-C14	1.944(4)			
C1-Se1-C11 <sup>i</sup>	98.52(10)	C12-N1-C14	112.4(2)	C1-Se1-C11	99.43(16)	C6-Se2-C14	102.93(16)	
C6-Se2-C13	99.85(11)	C12-N1-C15	111.2(2)	C12-N1-C15	110.6(3)	C13-N1-C15	110.5(3)	
C14-N1-C15	112.50(19)			C12-N1-C13	111.4(3)			

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	1		2		3		4		5
Br1-Cu1	2.3594(15)	I1-Cu1	2.5146(8)	N2-Cu1	1.953(5)	O5-Cu1	2.077(3)	Cl1-Pd1	2.2741(16)
Se1-Cu1	2.4054(14)	Se1-Cu1	2.4815(9)	Sel-Cul	2.4025(19)	Sel-Cul	2.3623(6)	Se2-Pd1	2.4297(9)
Se1-C1	1.886(8)	Se1-C1	1.906(5)	Sel-Cl	1.902(5)	Sel-Cl	1.898(3)	Sel-Cl	1.895(6)
Se1-C11	1.955(8)	Sel-Cl1	1.974(6)	Sel-Cl1	1.969(5)	Sel-Cl1	1.962(3)	Sel-Cl4	1.986(6)
Se2-Cu1	2.4364(16)	Se2-Cu1	2.4156(9)	Se2-Cu1	2.4306(18)	Se2-Cu1	2.4095(6)	Se1-Pd1	2.4198(9)
Se2-C9	1.894(8)	Se2-C6	1.908(5)	Se2-C6	1.908(6)	Se2-C6	1.907(3)	Se2-C6	1.871(7)
Se2-C14	1.958(9)	Se2-C14	1.971(5)	Se2-C14	1.983(5)	Se2-C14	1.974(4)	Se2-C11	1.983(6)
Cu1-N1	2.237(6)	Cu1-N1	2.232(4)	Cu1-N1	2.185(4)	Cu1-N1	2.184(3)	Pd1-N1	2.087(4)
N1-C15	1.503(10)	N1-C15	1.497(6)	N1-C15	1.488(7)	N1-C15	1.496(4)	N1-C15	1.543(8)
N1-C12	1.488(11)	N1-C12	1.473(6)	N1-C12	1.470(6)	N1-C12	1.483(4)	N1-C12	1.498(8)
N1-C13	1.476(10)	N1-C13	1.479(6)	N1-C13	1.485(7)	N1-C13	1.488(4)	N1-C13	1.513(7)
Cu1-Se1-C1	106.7(2)	Cu1-Se1-C1	112.14(17)	Cu1-Se1-C1	104.96(16)	Cu1-Se1-C1	107.55(11)	Pd1-Se1-C1	103.18(18)
Cu1-Se1-C11	91.5(2)	Cu1-Se1-C11	89.89(16)	Cu1-Se1-C11	90.15(16)	Cu1-Se1-C11	89.67(10)	Pd1-Se1-C14	94.06(18)
C1-Se1-C11	97.4(4)	C1-Se1-C11	97.0(2)	C1-Se1-C11	95.8(2)	C1-Se1-C11	98.95(15)	C1-Se1-C14	96.7(3)
Cu1-Se2-C9	110.6(2)	Cu1-Se2-C6	110.14(17)	Cu1-Se2-C6	109.75(18)	Cu1-Se2-C6	106.94(10)	Pd1-Se2-C6	108.65(19)
Cu1-Se2-C14	92.2(3)	Cu1-Se2-C14	91.54(17)	Cu1-Se2-C14	91.46(18)	Cu1-Se2-C14	90.22(11)	Pd1-Se2-C11	93.85(19)
Br1-Cu1-Se1	120.54(5)	I1-Cu1-Se1	110.10(3)	N2-Cu1-Se1	119.63(15)	O5-Cu1-Se1	122.73(9)	Cl1-Pd1-Se1	90.86(5)
Br1-Cu1-Se2	111.37(5)	I1-Cu1-Se2	125.51(3)	N2-Cu1-Se2	105.99(16)	O5-Cu1-Se2	105.59(9)	Cl1-Pd1-Se2	92.92(5)
Br1-Cu1-N1	114.74(17)	I1-Cu1-N1	115.94(10)	N2-Cu1-N1	116.06(19)	O5-Cu1-N1	106.76(12)	Cl1-Pd1-N1	177.76(14)
Se1-Cu1-Se2	122.64(5)	Se1-Cu1-Se2	117.32(3)	Se1-Cu1-Se2	128.14(4)	Se1-Cu1-Se2	127.52(2)	Se1-Pd1-Se2	176.20(3)
Se1-Cu1-N1	90.39(18)	Sel-Cul-Nl	89.47(11)	Sel-Cul-Nl	90.92(12)	Sel-Cul-N1	92.64(7)	Se1-Pd1-N1	88.64(14)
Se2-Cu1-N1	88.93(17)	Se2-Cu1-N1	90.39(11)	Se2-Cu1-N1	90.12(13)	Se2-Cu1-N1	91.87(7)	Se2-Pd1-N1	87.57(13)

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Cu1-N1-C12	107.1(5)	Cu1-N1-C12	106.8(3)	Cu1-N1-C12	108.5(3)	Cul-Nl-Cl2	107.7(2)	Pd1-N1-C12	107.8(3)
Cu1-N1-C13	109.3(5)	Cu1-N1-C13	106.1(3)	Cu1-N1-C13	108.6(3)	Cul-Nl-Cl3	106.5(2)	Pd1-N1-C13	109.9(3)
Cu1-N1-C15	107.5(4)	Cu1-N1-C15	110.6(3)	Cu1-N1-C15	106.5(3)	Cul-Nl-Cl5	108.66(19)	Pd1-N1-C15	108.5(3)
C12-N1-C13	109.8(6)	C12-N1-C13	110.9(4)	C12-N1-C13	109.6(4)	C12-N1-C13	110.5(3)	C12-N1-C13	108.0(5)
C12-N1-C15	110.9(7)	C12-N1-C15	111.9(4)	C12-N1-C15	110.8(4)	C12-N1-C15	110.9(3)	C12-N1-C15	112.9(5)
C13-N1-C15	112.1(6)	C13-N1-C15	110.3(4)	C13-N1-C15	112.7(4)	C13-N1-C15	112.5(3)	C13-N1-C15	109.8(5)



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