CHINESE

Sancai-Glazed Earth Spirit

glazed pottery

Height: 44 in.

Tang Dynasty

5323

PROVENANCE:

Private Collection, Stamford

Heather James Fine Art, Jackson

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THERMOLUMINESCENCE AUTHENTICITY TEST

Laboratory number : 96.96

Sample reference : Nil

Date received : 29th March 1996

Description of the object :
San Cai earth spirit

Dimensions :
1140 mm x 320 mm x 270 mm

Location of sampling :
Base below left foot

Age of the object claimed :
Tang Dynasty

Method used :
Fine-grain technique

RESULT :

"Proximate age" of the object is 1360 years[1].
The term "proximate age" is used to indicate that the "age" has been calculated based on an annual radiation dose measured from ~50 mg of sample taken from the object and is accurate within 25% of its true value. This precision is adequate to establish authenticity of the object.

CONCLUSION

The result obtained is compatible with the claimed age.

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Notes :

1) If the object has been repaired, the component parts may be of differing age. The above result refers to the sampling part only.

2) The test determines the period of the last firing. If the object has been refired, result may differ from the period of original firing.

3) It is assumed that the object has not been exposed to artificial irradiations.

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