

HISTORY OF MINING IN ANATOLIA: THE MINING ACTIVITIES IN KÜTAHYA - GÜMÜŞKÖY SINCE 3500 YEARS

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The C¹⁴ age of the charcoal collected from the damped material of the silver mine in Kütahya-Gümüşköy which is operated by Eti-Silver Ltd. has been dated as 3534±24 y. This data points that the mining activities has been last- ing since 1500 BC in Kütahya-Gümüşköy region. This finding also shows that the silver ore deposits of Gümüşköy had been known and operated by Hitites before Phrygians who were in power by 12th centuries BC in this region of Anatolia.

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