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Preface

The publication of the Hagia Photia Cemetery is planned in three volumes. The first volume, which has already been published (Davaras and Betancourt 2004), presented the tomb groups and the architecture. The second volume about the excavation of the Hagia Photia cemetery focuses on the pottery. The third volume will present the obsidian, stone finds, metal objects, and other discoveries.

The Early Minoan (EM) I tombs at Hagia Photia included the largest assemblage of vessels in Cycladic style known from Crete as well as vases from production workshops in Crete. The pottery is extremely important for several reasons, including the definition of the EM I ceramic styles that were being used as funerary offerings in this part of Crete, the establishment of the chronological synchronisms between Crete and the Cyclades, and information on the history of the Minoan pottery industry. When compared with other deposits from EM I Crete, the pottery helps us to establish a better understanding of the ceramic development within the first Minoan time period.

For the overview of the cemetery, the reader is referred to *The Hagia Photia Cemetery I* (Davaras and Betancourt 2004). Acknowledgments for the series are listed there. Photographs in this volume were taken by Georgios Xylouris. Several preliminary reports have been published on the excavations (Davaras 1971a, 1971b, 1971c, 1971d, 1972a, 1972b, 1973; Michaud 1972; Betancourt 2003a), and an article has discussed the petrography (Day, Wilson, and Kiriati 1998).



List of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this volume:

a	angular	MM	Middle Minoan period
a-r	angular to rounded	mm	micrometers
a-sa	angular to sub-angular	MNI	minimum number of individuals
a-sr	angular to sub-rounded	NAA	neutron activation analysis
bibl.	bibliography	no.	number
ca.	approximately	pl.	plate
EB	Early Bronze	r	rounded
EM	Early Minoan period	REE	rare earth elements
fig.	figure	r-sa	rounded to sub-angular
FN	Final Neolithic period	sa-a	sub-angular to angular
HN	Archaeological Museum, Hagios Nikolaos	sa-r	sub-angular to rounded
ht.	height	sa-sr	sub-angular to sub-rounded
ill.	illustration	Siteia	Archaeological Museum, Siteia
INAA	instrumental neutron activation analysis	sr	sub-rounded
km	kilometers	sr-sa	sub-rounded to sub-angular
LM	Late Minoan period	sr-r	sub-rounded to rounded
max.	maximum	w.	width
		µm	micrometers