

CH 76 F18001 H1B Layer 7.

Handmade body sherd in a thick, very hard fabric, the outside surfaces are buff, with a light grey core. Heavily tempered with quartz sand, numerous grains of which show through the surfaces, giving the sherd a rough 'pimply' texture. A large fragment of limestone is visible on the outside surface.

Thin sectioning reveals an optically anisotropic matrix of fired clay, containing numerous inclusions of subangular quartz grains, average size 0.50-0.60mm., though larger (up to 1.20mm.) grains also occur. A small amount of limestone and a little muscovite are present.

The petrology would not be out of place in an area such as the Tertiary formations of the Paris basin mentioned above (upper Seine, Paris?), though as all the minerals are fairly commonplace, other sources cannot be ruled out.

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