

Name 1	PANEL EXPLICATIVO DEL CONOCIMIENTO SOBRE LA METALURGIA EN LA ANTIGÜEDAD
Name 2	PANEL DESCRIBING THE KNOWLEDGE OF METALLURGY IN ANTIQUITY
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DESCRIPTION

Short description	"Prior to the Greco-Roman era, some authors hinted at the knowledge of mercury metallurgy and described different methods for transforming mercury, which indicates the existence of this activity; however, no material remains of those distillation systems are preserved to this day. Pliny (1st century BC) describes the first mercury metallurgical procedure as follows: "The ore is placed in fired clay pots or dishes and these, in turn, are placed inside an iron pot covered with a concave lid that is itself covered with clay. Below, the fire is started by a bellows, whereby a liquid with the color of silver and the
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fluidity of water gathers in the lid."""

Measures

Materials

Dating2008

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Illustrations

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Original use	
Present use	Museum and didactic use
Original location	Mining Park.
Present location	Mercury Museum (Mining Park)

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	
Present state	good
Necessary activities:	

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses /collections/links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	www.parqueminerodealmaden.es
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