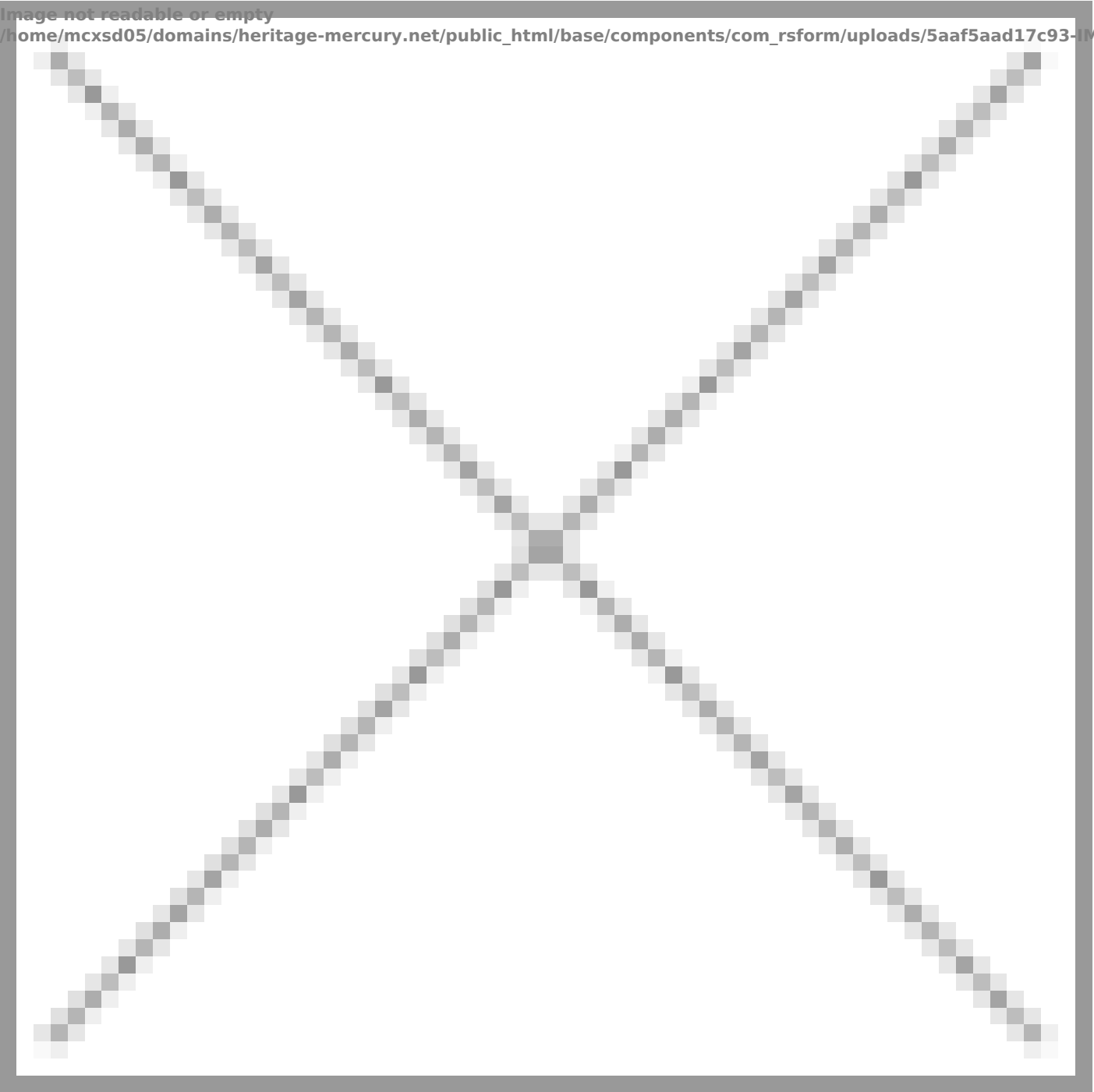


Name 1	VESSEL FOR OBTAINED MERCURY (COLLECTION)
Name 2	/
ID number	002.275.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-106, RZ-107
Type of Object	Mine, Smelting

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The collection consists of two massive and thick vessels of cylindrical shape. They have a round stand at the bottom. The vessels are narrow at the bottom and expand steadily towards the top.
Measures	Length 62–63 cm, width 62–63 cm, height 41–41.5 cm.
Materials	Cast iron
Dating	The production time is unknown.
Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

Picture
attachments



Original use	The described objects were used to pour the obtained mercury at the bottom of the furnace in Smelting Plant of the Idrija Mercury Mine. It is not precisely known in which of the furnaces the described vessels were used. According to the known data, they could have been used in several furnaces: Spanish furnaces (1750–1860); Idrian – Leithner's, Francis's, Leopold's (1787–1870); flame furnaces with horizontal access, shaft furnaces and muffle furnaces (1842–1961) or Čermak-Špirek reverberatory furnace (1886–1974).
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Present use	The described objects were used to pour the obtained mercury at the bottom of the furnace in Smelting Plant of the Idrija Mercury Mine. It is not precisely known in which of the furnaces the described vessels were used. According to the known data, they could have been used in several furnaces: Spanish furnaces (1750–1860); Idrian – Leithner's, Francis's, Leopold's (1787–1870); flame furnaces with horizontal access, shaft furnaces and muffle furnaces (1842–1961) or Čermak-Špirek reverberatory furnace (1886–1974).
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Original location	The Smelting Plant of the Idrija Mercury Mine.
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Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 9).
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STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	Objects are well preserved and conserved appropriately. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of.
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Present state	good
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Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.
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DOCUMENTATION

**Addresses /
collections / links
etc. where further
in-depth
information is
accessible:**

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