

Max Boots – Silver Mining in Ancient Greece

Although the start of silver mining in the Laurion area is not accurately known, it probably commenced before the 3rd millennium BCE. This date has been ascertained because lead found in Egypt and dated to that time has been found to have the same isotope ratios, thus it originated from the Laurion area. The mines were later worked by the Phoenicians in the 2nd millennium BCE.

Aspects of the Geology, age, mineralogy etc. will be discussed.

Most importantly, the influence on ancient Athens and its buildings will be addressed.

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