



OVOID VESSEL

Egypt
Predynastic Period, Naqada II, circa 3200 BC
Light terracotta with original red polychromy
Height 23 cm

Hand-crafted ovoid terracotta vessel featuring a gently flared, rounded lip and a flat circular base. The upper body is decorated with several sets of red horizontal wavy lines on a light-coloured background. The rim and lower body are undecorated. The recessed groove along the shoulder may have been used to suspend the jar with a cord.

PROVENANCE

Former private collection Germany, acquired in 1982 at Galerie Puhze Freiburg, Germany

LITERATURE

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PARALLELS

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