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MICROFAUNAL ASSEMBLAGE OF THE GÖLBAŞI-HARMANLI (SE ANATOLIA) COAL SEAM: INTERPRETATIONS ON QUATERNARY GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SOME EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN TAXA

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The Gölbaşı-Harmanlı coal seam is located within the pull-apart Gölbaşı Basin (Adıyaman, SE Anatolia) controlled by the NE-SW trending East Anatolian Fault Zone (EAFZ). This study focuses on micropaleontological analyses of twenty-one samples that were obtained from the Gölbaşı openpit coal mine (GOCM) section. Six ostracod taxa (Cypridopsis vidua, Herpetocypris cf. chevreuxi, Humphcypris subterranea, Psychrodromus olivaceous, Candona sp. and Gomphocythere cf. geareyi), seven gastropod taxa (Theodoxus anatolicus, Bithynia phialensis cf. syriaca, Horatia parvula, Bythinella sp., Valvata (Cincinna) piscinalis, Galba truncatula, Gyraulus piscinarum acutissiumus) and as well as one bivalve (Pisidium personatum) taxa were identified from the GOCM (this study). Furthermore, charophyte gyrogonites and fish teeth remains were obtained. Considering the ostracod assemblage determined from the GOCM, and the micromammal data from intercalations of the Gölbaşı coal seam (Suata-Alparslan and Dinçarslan, 2011), the Gölbaşı coal seam deposited during the Middle Pleistocene. The identified microfaunal assemblage suggests that different biogeographic realm were hosted in the GOCM during the Middle Pleistocene, such as Cosmopolitan (C. vidua), widely distributed (H. chevreuxi), Holarctic (G. truncatula), Palearctic (P. olivaceous, V. piscinalis and P. personatum), Eastern Mediterranean (H. subterranea, G. geareyi and B. phialensis syriaca) and endemic (G. piscinarum acutissiumus, H. parvula and T. anatolicus) species. Nevertheless, several of these taxa were commonly reported from Neogene and Quaternary basins in Turkey, the most significants are G. cf. geareyi, H. subterranea and B. phialensis cf. syriaca in the GOCM where their northernmost limits were identified. The presences

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of these taxa also suggest the possible transportation of them from the other Eastern Mediterranean areas (e.g. Orontes (Syria) and Jordan Valley (Israel)) during the Quaternary.

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