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CERTIFICATE

PTAH-PATEK AMULET EGYPT - LATE PERIOD (710 - 332 BC)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: composite amulet moulded in enamelled frit of a dark grey-green colour. A typical representation of a large trunk shaped beetle shell and arms along the body.

Good state of preservation. Normal wear with small piece missing on the left foot. This object is perfectly legible overall.

ORIGIN: funerary object of veneration, the first mention of which was *Pataikos* as described by Herodotus (Historiae 3.37) to designate a dwarf god *Ptah* that is equivalent to Hephaestus. It is supposed it could be a god of Phoenician origin. *Ptah* was the patron god of artisans and architects.

DATING: Late Period. It is important to note that the precise date of which this type of amulet first appeared remains unknown. However, hybrid representations such as this are more related to the Late Period.

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 6.5cm (2.5")

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