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INTRODUCTION

THE POTTERY CATALOGUE

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The pottery catalogue comprises drawings of representative vessels from the excavations at the Hospitaller Compound (License Nos. G-102/1992, G-52/1993, G-34/1994, G-30/1995, G-14/1996, G-12/1997, G-14/1998; G10/1999);¹ the Knights' Hotel (Permit No. A-2244/1995); and the Messika Plot (Permit No. A-2218/1995). The tables accompanying the plates include the provenance of the vessels, the Israel Antiquities Authority Registration number (if applicable) and any scientific analyses performed on the vessels (petrographic analyses are indicated by a 'P' prefix; chemical analyses, by other alphabetic prefixes; see *Akko I*, Part 1, Chapters 5 and 6, respectively) and a detailed description of each vessel or sherd. The description includes the color of the fabric, which is

described according to the Munsell Soil Chart (1990). The presence of grits (defined as 0.5–1.0 mm in size) and inclusions (defined as greater than 1.0 mm in size) is also cited,² along with the presence and color of slip or glaze and the decoration of the vessel. The presence and color of glazed vessels is described in detail in the text, although these parameters are not always noted in the plate descriptions. A stain of a different color from the background glaze is indicated by shading in the drawing. In all the drawings of glazed vessels, the area of the glaze on the exterior of the vessel is indicated by a dotted line, and the area of the slip, by a dashed line. Only in the drawings of cooking pots and cooking bowls is glaze on the inside of the vessel indicated by dots.

NOTE

¹ See *Akko I*, Part 1, Chapter 1 n. 2.

² The definition of the fabric, grits and inclusions was made by A. Shapiro under a magnifying glass ($\times 10$; see Chapter 3, n. 1). When it could not be defined, only the nature of the inclusions was stated. Inclusions were identified

as 'limestone' when the grains could be visually identified and scratched with a needle, while 'lime' refers to a white material, usually soft and bubbling in HCl acid, i.e., a carbonate material.

