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CAPInv. 607: U-NEA-020

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Oboda

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-NEA-020
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	88 - 99 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>mṛz</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ,
Note	<i>mṛz</i> <input type="checkbox"/> : IEJ 11 (1961): 135-7 no. 8 l. 2; IEJ 11 (1961): 135-7 no. 9b l. 2 (as reconstructed by Naveh).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IEJ 11 (1961): 135-7 no. 8 (AD 88/9) IEJ 11 (1961): 135-7 no. 9b (AD 98/9)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Both documents are dedicatory inscriptions in Aramaic (for the object dedicated, see CAPInv. 603).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Limestone troughs.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found 4km south of Oboda in a tributary valley of the Nahal Avdat, within a range of 20 metres.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members

- □ □ □ □ *bny mrz* (l. 2 in no. 8 as restored by Hackl et al.; l. 2 in no. 9b as read by Naveh).
- □ □ □ □ *bwz*, l. 2 in no. 8; l. 1 in no. 9b; "his friends", i.e. the friends of the person mentioned at the beginning, possibly the leader of the association)

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

According to Negev 1961: 136-7, the similar terminology and the find spots indicate that both inscriptions come from the same group. The personal name is missing in the second inscription, so this cannot be proven. A similar formula (reconstructed by Naveh) can be found in no. 10, where the specification of the god seems to indicate that this was a different association. It should therefore be kept in mind that the two inscriptions used for this entry may also attest to two separate associations.

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The terminology used suggests a private association