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Editorial

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As one of the largest continental metallogenic domains in the world, the Paleo-Asian Tectono-metallogenic Domain containing many world-class mineral deposits was formed as a result of the complex geodynamic evolution of orogenic collages in Central and East Asia (Şengör et al., 1993; Pirajno et al., 1997; Yakubchuk, 2004; Jahn et al., 2004;

Seltmann and Porter 2005; Xiao and Santosh, 2014; Xiao et al., 2015; Han et al., 2015;

Safonova et al., 2016).

The orogenic collages in Central and East Asia include the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) and their interactions with several orogenic events in the Tethyan and Pacific

domains (Şengör et al., 1993; Yakubchuk, 2004; Xiao et al., 2015). The geodynamic

processes in these collages are different from those in other orogenic belts such as those in

the Tibetan Plateau where orogenic architectures are conducted by collision between

continental blocks and/or continents. The dominant CAOB was produced by long-lived

accretionary processes without considerable involvement of collision of continents. During

the long-lived accretionary processes, many orogenic collages have formed huge

metallogenic provinces in Central and East Asia.

However the link between the geodynamic processes and formation of the mineral deposits

is not well understood. In this special issue of Gondwana Research we assemble 13

contributions that contribute to a better understanding of the link between the geodynamic

processes and formation of the mineral deposits.

Zheng et al. (2017-in this issue) carried out mica 40Ar/39Ar dating of the representative

samples syngenetic with orogenic-type mineralization to record a poorly studied Permian to

Triassic metallogenic episode in the Chinese Altay Orogen. Two muscovite and five biotite

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