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Prof. Dr. C. Okay Aksoy was born in Ankara in 1973. He graduated from the Mining Engineering Department of Dokuz Eylül University in 1996. He earned his doctorate in 2002, became an associate professor in 2006, and was promoted to full professor in 2011.

With 30 years of professional experience, Professor Aksoy has published over 500 publications to date. He has led more than 300 projects and contributed as a researcher to an additional 200. He completed part of his doctoral studies at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the United States.

A member of numerous professional organizations, Professor Aksoy is also the co-founder of GOA Mining. His areas of expertise include rock mechanics, mine planning, support design, and tunneling. Ranked 63rd out of 15,000 geoscience researchers worldwide in a Microsoft study, he currently serves as a full-time professor in the Mining Engineering Department at Dokuz Eylül University.