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SECTION A

Section A

Introduction

1. Scope and objectives

This report is published in the framework of the SUSMAQ Project, the Sustainable Management of the West Bank and Aquifers Project between the Palestinian Water Authority and the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The SUSMAQ project has two main engines, numerical flow and pollution models of the basin and management options for a sustainable and effective future use of the aquifer under changing demand, and demographic and economic conditions. The models will serve as a tool for planning, development and operation of the water resources.

The compiled base data report is one milestone for the creation of a planning and management platform for the Western Aquifer basin and this report aims to lay-down the foundation of a database for the Western Aquifer basin. This database is intended to provide a reasonable basis for the modelling of the groundwater system of both aquifers of the Western Aquifer Basin (WAB). In particular, this report provides the data necessary to construct hydrogeological conceptual models of the basin.

The objectives of this report are as follows:

- 1) Collect and collate, as much as possible, sets of data that are listed below;
- 2) Establish a robust, reliable and flexible mechanism through which a considerable amount of the collected datasets can be obtained;
- 3) Provide processed enlarged sets of hydrological and hydrogeological data relating to the WAB;
- 4) Present an improved scientific understanding of the WAB groundwater system.

The report summarizes the collection of data, the achieved understanding and the performed calculations and analysis on the (WAB). Because of the amount of data used and collected in the project, this report will appear in several volumes, a text volume, called General Background, and two data volumes in addition to one volume of groundwater maps.



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