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# Water Quality Report

CLIENT:

## AfriForum

PROJECT:

Hammanskraal – Human Consumption

Attention: Mr. Jaco Grobbelaar

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<b>Analysis</b> (All results in mg/l unless	Res	sults	SANS 241-2015 (Limits for	
otherwise stated)	Police Academy	Hospital	Drinkability)	
pH - Value @ 25 ºC	7.6	7.5	≥5 to ≤ 9.7	
Electrical Conductivity in mS/m @ 25°C	89.1	89.2	≤170	
Total Dissolved Solids @ 180°C	474	502	≤1200	
Colour in PtCo Units	23	19	≤15	
Turbidity in N.T.U	1.4	1.1	≤1 / ≤5	
Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	208	208		
Langelier Index at 25°C	-0.1	-0.2		
Chloride as Cl	80	80	≤300	
Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	83	80	≤500 / ≤250	
Fluoride as F	0.3	0.3	≤1.5	
Nitrate as N	9.4	9.5	≤11	
Nitrite as N	2.7	2.6	≤0.9	
Combined Nitrate & Nitrite	3.9	3.8	≤1	
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	16.01	16.01		
Total Organic Carbon as C	4.7	4.4	≤10	

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<b>Analysis</b> (All results in mg/l unless	Res	SANS 241-2015 (Limits for	
otherwise stated)	Police Academy	Hospital	Drinkability)
E. coli / (100 mℓ)	7	0	Not detected
Free and Saline Ammonia as N	11	10	≤1.5
Sodium as Na	90	89	≤200
Potassium as K	18.5	18.9	
Calcium as Ca	37	40	
Magnesium as Mg	17	17	
Aluminium as Al (μg/ℓ)	<100	<100	≤300
Antimony as Sb (µg/ℓ)	1	1	≤20
Arsenic as As (µg/ℓ)	4	2	≤10
Barium as Ba (µg/ℓ)	<25	<25	≤700
Boron as B (µg/ℓ)	97	99	≤2400
Cadmium as Cd (µg/ℓ)	<1.0	<1.0	≤3
Total Chromium as Cr (µg/ℓ)	<25	<25	≤50
Copper as Cu (µg/ℓ)	112	<10	≤2000
Iron as Fe (µg/ℓ)	255	186	≤ 2000 / ≤300
Lead as Pb (µg/ℓ)	<1.0	<1.0	≤10
Manganese as Mn (µg/ℓ)	109	120	≤ 400 / ≤100
Mercury as Hg (µg/ℓ)	<1	<1	≤6
Nickel as Ni (µg/ℓ)	<25	<25	≤70
Selenium as Se (µg/ℓ)	<1	<1	≤40
Uranium as U (μg/ℓ)	<1	<1	≤ 30
Zinc as Zn	0.037	<0.025	≤5

The results reflected on this report only relates to the samples received. All parameters are analysed at a SANAS accredited laboratory. Primary Laboratory Water Test Report is attached.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. Mr. Jaco Grobbelaar of AfriForum has provided Municipal water quality test results in order to receive a consultation report based on the water quality results.
- 2. The report will discuss the results in respect to the SANS 241-2015 for drinkability.
- 3. Sample Names:
  - Police academy
  - Hospital

#### **RESULTS**

### Sample: Police Academy

#### Inorganic

1. The Total Dissolved Salts (TDS) are below the limits. The TDS is an indication of the sum of all the salts present in the water.

(That means all the anions and cations (CI, SO4, F, NO3 and all the metals for example).

- a. <u>Turbidity and Colour (1,4 N.T.U / 23 PtCo)</u>
  - i. The Turbidity and Colour concentrations exceeded the SANS 241-2015 limits for drinkability.
  - ii. Colour is strongly related to Turbidity.
  - iii. The presence of organic compounds, iron & manganese compounds are the main cause of colour in water.
- 2. The Fluoride, Sulphate and Chloride values, which will affect your Acute and Chronic health and aesthetic value also fell below the limits.
  - a. Nitrite (2,7 mg/l)
    - i. The Nitrite concentration of **2,7** mg/l exceeded the SANS 241-2015 limits for drinkability.
    - ii. The South African Water Quality Guidelines state the following regarding the absorption of Nitrates and Nitrites:

"Upon absorption, nitrite combines with the oxygen-carrying red blood pigment, haemoglobin, to form methaemoglobin, which is incapable of carrying oxygen.

This condition is termed methaemoglobinaemia"

#### b. Ammonia (11 mg/l)

- i. High Ammonia concentration has an aesthetic effect in drinking water in the form of taste and odour but carries a health risk in the capability of forming nitrates in the distribution system.
- ii. The South African Water Quality Guidelines state the following regarding a Ammonia concentration of 11 mg/l in drinking water:

"Unacceptable in domestic water. Danger of formation of nitrite Likelihood of fish deaths in aquaria. Chlorination is severely compromised"

- 3. The pH has a neutral value of **7,6** and is safely between the allowable limits of 5 and 9.7
- 4. The metals that was analysed complies with the limits set out by the SANS 241-2015 except for the Manganese (Mn) concentration.
  - a. Manganese (109 µg/l / 0,109 mg/l.)
    - i. Manganese occur naturally in rock and soil but can be the result of pollution.
    - ii. The metal very rarely occurs alone and is typically found in Iron-bearing waters.
    - iii. Low concentrations of as low as **0,02 mg/l** can cause stains on everything the water encounters.

#### Organic

- a. A Total Organic Carbon (TOC) test was done on the water sample which will indicate any organic carbon content.
- b. Concentration of less than 10 mg/l were detected which is still inside the prescribed limit of 10 mg/l or less.

#### Bacteriological Content

- a. <u>E. Coli bacteria</u> which had a colony count of **7 colonies per 100 ml** exceeded the SANS 241-2015 limit of **0** colonies per 100 ml for safe drinking water.
- b. The E. coli bacteria is the preferred and definite indication of <u>sewage pollution</u>.

#### WATER STABILITY

#### Langelier Saturation Index (LSI)

- 1. The Langelier Saturation Index is an index that is calculated from the pH, Calcium, TDS and Alkalinity values. Its purpose is to indicate if the water is scale forming or corrosive.
- 2. The LSI value of  **0,1** indicates the slightly corrosive but non-scale forming character of the water.

LSI Value	Indication
-2,0 - <-0,5	Serious Corrosion
-0,5 - <0	Slightly corrosion but non-scale forming
LSI = 0	Balanced but pitting corrosion possible
0,0 - <0,5	Slightly scale forming and corrosive
0,5-<2,0	Scale forming but non-corrosive

## Sample: Hospital

#### Inorganic

1. The Total Dissolved Salts (TDS) are below the limits. The TDS is an indication of the sum of all the salts present in the water.

(That means all the anions and cations (CI, SO4, F, NO3 and all the metals for example).

- b. <u>Turbidity and Colour (1,1 N.T.U / 19 PtCo)</u>
  - i. The Turbidity and Colour concentrations exceeded the SANS 241-2015 limits for drinkability.
  - ii. Colour is strongly related to Turbidity.
  - iii. The presence of organic compounds, iron & manganese compounds are the main cause of colour in water.
- 5. The Fluoride, Sulphate and Chloride values, which will affect your Acute and Chronic health and aesthetic value also fell below the limits.

#### a. Nitrite (2,6 mg/l)

- i. The Nitrite concentration of **2,6** mg/l exceeded the SANS 241-2015 limits for drinkability.
- ii. The South African Water Quality Guidelines state the following regarding the absorption of Nitrates and Nitrites:

"Upon absorption, nitrite combines with the oxygen-carrying red blood pigment, haemoglobin, to form methaemoglobin, which is incapable of carrying oxygen.

This condition is termed methaemoglobinaemia"

#### b. <u>Ammonia (10 mg/l)</u>

- i. High Ammonia concentration has an aesthetic effect in drinking water in the form of taste and odour but carries a health risk in the capability of forming nitrates in the distribution system.
- ii. The South African Water Quality Guidelines state the following regarding an Ammonia concentration of 11 mg/l in drinking water:

*"Unacceptable in domestic water. Danger of formation of nitrite Likelihood of fish deaths in aquaria. Chlorination is severely compromised"* 

- 6. The pH has a neutral value of **7**,**5** and is safely between the allowable limits of 5 and 9.7
- 7. The metals that was analysed complies with the limits set out by the SANS 241-2015 except for the Manganese (Mn) concentration.
  - a. Manganese (120 µg/l / 0,120 mg/l.)
    - i. Manganese occur naturally in rock and soil but can be the result of pollution.
    - ii. The metal very rarely occurs alone and is typically found in Iron-bearing waters.
    - iii. Low concentrations of as low as **0,02 mg/l** can cause stains on everything the water encounters.

#### Organic

- 1. A Total Organic Carbon (TOC) test was done on the water sample which will indicate any organic carbon content.
- Concentration of less than 10 mg/l were detected which is still inside the prescribed limit of 10 mg/l or less.

#### **Bacteriological Content**

- 1. E. Coli bacteria which had a colony count of **0 colonies per 100 ml** complied to the SANS 241-2015 limit of **0** colonies per 100 ml for safe drinking water.
- 2. The E. coli bacteria is the preferred and definite indication of sewage pollution.

#### WATER STABILITY

#### Langelier Saturation Index (LSI)

- 1. The Langelier Saturation Index is an index that is calculated from the pH, Calcium, TDS and Alkalinity values. Its purpose is to indicate if the water is scale forming or corrosive.
- 2. The LSI value of  **0,2** indicates the slightly corrosive but non-scale forming character of the water.

LSI Value	Indication
-2,0 - <-0,5	Serious Corrosion
-0,5 - <0	Slightly corrosion but non-scale forming
LSI = 0	Balanced but pitting corrosion possible
0,0 - <0,5	Slightly scale forming and corrosive
0,5-<2,0	Scale forming but non-corrosive

#### **CONCLUSION and RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### 1. Sample: *Police Academy*

- 1.1) The Turbidity, Colour, Ammonia, Nitrite, E. coli bacteria and Manganese concentration did not comply to the SANS 241-2015 limits for safe drinking water.
- **1.2)** Because of the above mentioned non-compliance to safe drinking water standards it can be stated that the water is not fit for human consumption in its current state.
- 2. Sample: Hospital
  - 2.1) The Turbidity, Colour, Ammonia, Nitrite and Manganese concentration did not comply to the SANS 241-2015 limits for safe drinking water.
  - **2.2)** Because of the above mentioned non-compliance to safe drinking water standards it can be stated that the water is not fit for human consumption in its current state.

- **3.** <u>The presence of Nitrate and Ammonia in combination with the E. coli bacteria (Police academy)</u> indicates that the pollution most likely originated from a sewage source.
- 4. The harmful bacterial pathogens as indicated by the E. coli bacteria can be successfully eliminated with proper disinfection (chlorine, UV sterilization)
- 5. The Turbidity and Colour can be removed with proper filtration in the form of sand filters or activated carbon.
- 6. The results indicate poor treatment and both water sources carry a significant risk to human health.

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#### **GENERAL WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS**

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Analyses in mg/ℓ					Sample Identification: Hammanskraal	
(Unless specified otherwise)		Method Identification	Risk	SANS 241 : 2015	Police Academy	Hospital
Sample Number				Limits	071055	071056
Date/Time Sampled					N/A	N/A
pH - Value @ 25 °C	А	WLAB065	Operational	≥5 to ≤ 9.7	7.6	7.5
Electrical Conductivity in mS/m @ 25°C	А	WLAB002	Aesthetic	≤170	89.1	89.2
Total Dissolved Solids @ 180°C	А	WLAB027	Aesthetic	≤1200	474	502
Colour in PtCo Units	Ν	WLAB006	Aesthetic	≤15	23↓	19↓
Turbidity in N.T.U	А	WLAB005	Operational/Aesthetic	≤1 / ≤5	1.4↓	1.1↓
Total Alkalinity as CaCO₃	А	WLAB007			208	208
Langelier Index at 25°C	Α	WLAB053			-0.1	-0.2
Chloride as Cl	А	WLAB046	Aesthetic	≤300	80	80
Sulphate as SO4	А	WLAB046	Acute health/Aesthetic	≤500 / ≤250	83	80
Fluoride as F	А	WLAB014	Chronic health	≤1.5	0.3	0.3
Nitrate as N	А	WLAB046	Acute health	≤11	9.4	9.5
Nitrite as N	Α	WLAB046	Acute health	≤0.9	2.7↓	2.6↓
Combined Nitrate & Nitrite	А	WLAB046	Acute health	≤1	3.9↓	3.8↓
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	Ν	WLAB046			16.0	16.0
Total Organic Carbon as C	Ν	WLAB060	Chronic health	≤10	4.7	4.4
E. coli / (100 m/)	А	WLAB021	Acute health	Not detected	7↓	0
Free and Saline Ammonia as N	А	WLAB046	Aesthetic	≤1.5	11↓	10↓
Sodium as Na	Α	WLAB015	Aesthetic	≤200	90	89
Potassium as K	А	WLAB015			18.5	18.9
Calcium as Ca	А	WLAB015			37	40
Magnesium as Mg	А	WLAB015			17	17
Aluminium as Al (µg/ℓ)	Α	WLAB015	Operational	≤300	<100	<100
Antimony as Sb (µg/ℓ)	Α	WLAB050	Chronic health	≤20	1	1
Arsenic as As (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB050	Chronic health	≤10	4	2
Barium as Ba (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤700	<25	<25
Boron as B (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤2400	97	99
Cadmium as Cd (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤3	<1.0	<1.0
Total Chromium as Cr (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤50	<25	<25
Copper as Cu (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤2000	112	<10
Iron as Fe (µg/ℓ)	А	WLAB015	Chronic health/Aesthetic	≤ 2000 / ≤300	255	186
Lead as Pb (µg/ℓ)	Α	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤10	<1.0	<1.0

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Sample Number				Limits	071055	071056
Date/Time Sampled					N/A	N/A
Manganese as Mn (µg/t)	A	WLAB015	Chronic health/Aesthetic	≤ 400 / ≤100	109↓	120↓
Mercury as Hg (µg/t)	N	WLAB047	Chronic health	≤6	<1	<1
Nickel as Ni (µg/ℓ)	A	WLAB015	Chronic health	≤70	<25	<25
Selenium as Se (µg/l)	A	WLAB050	Chronic health	≤40	<1	<1
Uranium as U (µg/ℓ)	A	WLAB050	Chronic health	≤ 30	<1	<1
Zinc as Zn	A	WLAB015	Aesthetic	≤5	0.037	<0.025
% Balancing	N				97.6	98.4

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