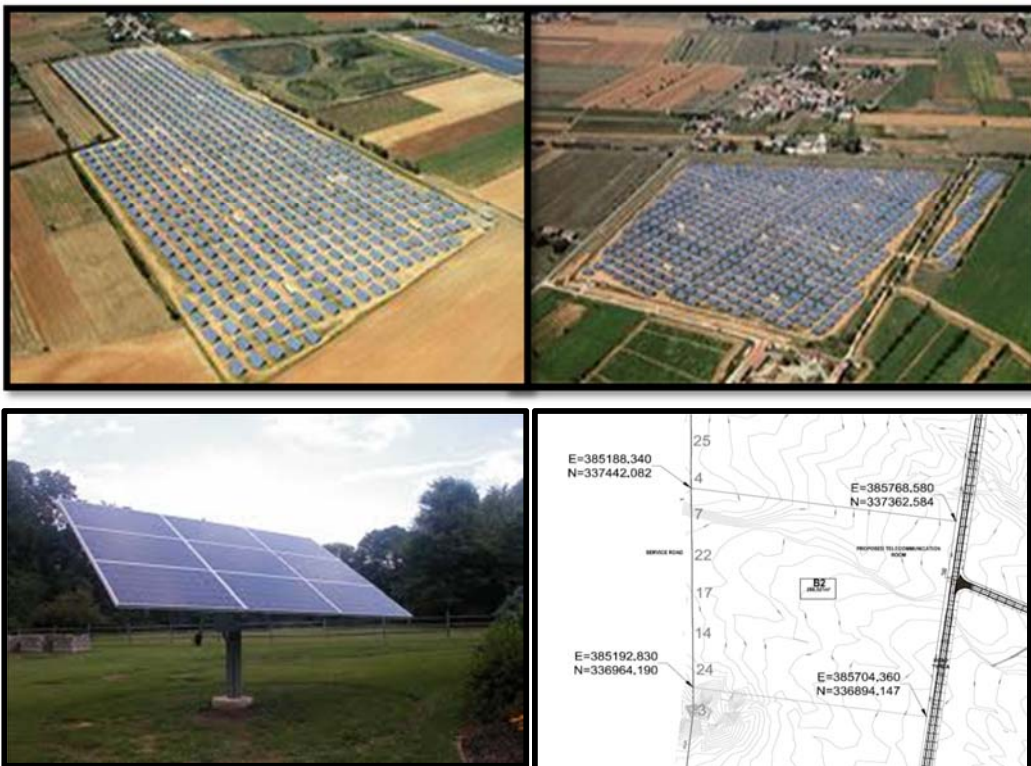


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ABBREVIATIONS

AJ	Arabtech Jardaneh
DoS	Department of Statistics
EMS	Environmental Management System
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
EPBT	Energy Payback Time
GHG	Green House Gas
GoJ	Government of Jordan
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
IBA	Important Bird Area
JADIS	The Jordan Archaeological Database and Information System
JISM	Jordan Institute for Standards and Meteorology
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment
MDA	Ma'an Development Area
MEMR	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
MoEnv	Ministry of Environment
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PV	Photovoltaic
ToR	Terms of Reference

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. Introduction

Based on the Request for Expression of Interest (the "REOI") issued by Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in order to promote the investment opportunities in renewable energy projects and to select the possible projects under the direct proposal submission procedure set out in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Law No. (13) For the year 2012.

Al Zanbaq for Energy Generation has responded to the REOI and delivered an Expression of Interest (the "EOI") in July 2011 with the proposal to develop a 10 MW PV in Ma'an, furthermore, it became shortlisted and was invited to sign a MOU in May 2012.

Al Zanbaq for Energy Generation has received the acceptance letter and signed the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in March 2014 and started with the detailed design stage and preparation of the required studies prior to project implementation.

Arabtech Jardaneh (AJ) was appointed by Al Zanbaq for energy generation to prepare the Environment and Social Impact Assessment study (ESIA) for the project. The ESIA study is prepared based on the Terms of Reference (ToR) that was approved by the Ministry of Environment (MOEnv) on June 9th 2014.

The ESIA was subsequently approved by the Ministry on August 17th 2014.

1.2. Project Description

The project plans to develop and construct a photovoltaic (PV) plant in Ma'an governorate within the selected area for this purpose specifically within the Industrial park cluster at the Ma'an Development Area (MDA); the project located in plot B2 and has a total capacity of approximately **10.0** MWp and the system is composed by **14** inverters and **37,627** modules.

The General description of the PV plant is presented below:

Nominal Power	Peak power	N Inverter	Total N Modules	Modules Per string
10 MW	11.1MWp	14	37,627	20

The project will fall within plot B2 having an area of about 260, 000 square meters.

The Solar PV system will include modules, inverters, and if applicable roads and the fence around the system.

1.2.1 Module Technology

The solar PV system is based on utilizing TSM-295 PC14 photovoltaic module which has the following general specifications and compliances as a minimum:

- 15.2% overall module efficiency at Standard Test Conditions (STC)
- Anodized aluminum frame offering robust construction
- Dimensions are 1956 × 992 × 40mm, and weight is 27.6 kg
- Minimum 10 years product warranty from any defects or workmanship
- 0-3% power output tolerance
- 25 Year Linear Power Warranty

1.2.2 Inverter Technology

The project will utilize central inverters as a majority and a few string inverters to fulfill the required 10MW AC power

The PV system will consist of a total of 7Nos X 1400kW outdoor inverters and 7Nos X 27.6kWp outdoor string inverters housed under shade shelters. The enclosure will be equipped with an air filtering system. The finalized selection of the inverter capacity will be chosen upon award of contract.

The inverters are designed to produce reliable energy at a high efficiency with minimum maintenance requirements and supervision. The inverters shall be compliant with international testing certifications and approvals

1.2.3 Mounting Structure

A detailed mounting system design will be presented with the final design package after the project parameters have been confirmed.

It is proposed to use ground screws/ or equivalent instead of concrete foundations.

- The Screws foundations withstand load immediately
- Environmental friendly, no sealing of the soil, no digging no concrete work is required
- Maximum stability for all soil types, quality for long life time and reutilization
- Suitable for installations in single and multiple rows
- Certified by structural engineer and certifying authorities
- Screw Foundation: The screw is integrated in the racking-system & promising maximum stability
- Installation is possible into all soil types (even rocky terrain).

1.2.4 Particular Requirements

The plant shall be designed to withstand the most extreme ambient conditions.

The plant will be equipped with high level of fire Protection in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes.

1.2.5 Civil Requirements

All construction activities shall occur within the Site boundary limits with the exception of those activities related to the interconnections between the Site and the common infrastructures, which will be performed by the Developer outside the Developer's fence.

The Developer shall be responsible for backfilling and grading of the Site as required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Plant. In addition, all inert material surpluses shall be managed within the limit of the Site.

1.2.6 Interfaces

General Interfaces are the physical points at which the Developer's interconnection facilities and other facilities meet. Al Zanbaq will provide all required hardware and software installations of the Interface up to the Interface point one (1) meter outside the Site subject to the co-operation of all involved parties.

The following Interfaces are related to the PV Plant and described in this Section:

- Interfaces with NEPCO:
- Interfaces with the Electrical Connection Facilities
- Interfaces with the NEPCO National Control Centre (NCC) in Amman South.
- Interfaces with MEMR headquarter in Amman

Other Interfaces may require during the construction and operation phases:

- Interfaces with telecommunication system is not required; a mobile connection will be used to provide the required telecommunications
- Interfaces with new main access roads at Site
- Interfaces with Water Connection Facilities is not required as the cleaning method will be a dry cleaning
- Interfaces for auxiliary power supply.

1.2.7 Grid Connection

The PV Facility will be connected to the national grid of NEPCO at the 33 kV level.

Voltage changes at the Delivery Point attributable to the connection and disconnection of generators or generating units do not give rise to inadmissible network disturbances if the

maximum voltage change due to the switching operation at an inverter does not exceed a value of 2%, i.e. if $\Delta u_{max} \leq 2\%$ (related to agreed service voltage U_c) and does not occur more frequently than once within 3 minutes.

1.2.8 Water Consumption

The project is expected to use limited quantities of fresh water during the three project phase construction, operation, and decommissioning, since such this type of projects considered as a low water consumption projects, the project will be supplied by the water through and combined water and firefighting network as a part of the infrastructure in the project area.

1.2.9 Implementation Schedule

The construction of the project will start early 2015; while the period in between February 2014 to December 2014 will entail preparation and mobilization

1.3. Legislative Framework

The Competent Authority approving EIA Studies in Jordan is the Ministry of Environment, who is responsible for the evaluation of the environmental impacts of the project and the issue of associated visit permits and licenses.

According to the Environmental Protection Law No. (52)/ year 2006, the EIA study should be done before the project is initiated and sent to the Ministry of Environment where it will be reviewed.

Regulation No. (37) / year 2005 sets out the process for conducting an EIA study and the items to be included in the Study, procedure for obtaining an environmental clearance.

If the Impact assessment is approved the project will get the license and start construction and operation while adhering to the environmental mitigation and management systems specified and approved in the study. Any deviation from those guidelines would render the project to violations.

1.4. Baseline Conditions

Baseline conditions have been examined for the physical, biological, socio-economic and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS). The baseline section was prepared based on the most up-to-date available information; this information has been collected from various sources, to the extent possible. Some sources include relevant government institutions such as DoS, Jordan Meteorological Department (JMD), MEMR and MWI.

Physical Environment

Climate & Meteorology

The project area climate belongs to the Arid Mediterranean cool Zone, The data that have been obtained from Ma'an weather station. The data averages for the last seven years (2004- 2013), shows that the Avg. Max Temp is 25.5°C and Avg. Min Temp is 10.8°C and the Avg. Mean Temp is 18.1°C. Avg. Mean Humidity is 45%.

Also, wind direction is generally westerly to north-westerly all year round, except in April the wind blows from the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula frequently occurring providing the country with its most uncomfortable weather (khamasin). With an average wind speed 5.4 Knots.

The solar irradiance has been obtained by the industrial park weather station, the monthly averages of daily solar irradiance sums from the October 2010 until September 2014, where the yearly average of direct solar irradiance daily sum (DN) is 7.40 kWhy/m²per day.

Air Quality

Aqaba International Laboratories - Ben Hayyan has also conducted provided measurements for PM10 and PM2.5 parameters during the period between (9/6/2014 -15/11/2014) -24 hours one week at the project site

Daily average, Hourly average and 15- minutes max average ambient air quality sampling and monitoring were carried in order to present an overview of the ambient quality baseline conditions for the site. The monitoring period extended from (Monday, 00:15), 9/6/2014 to (sunday, 24:00), 15/6/2014 (one week).

Main findings are as follows

- No exceedances were recorded to the maximum allowable limits for PM10 that specified in Jordanian standards (1140/2006).
- No exceedances were recorded to the maximum allowable limits for PM2.5 that specified in Jordanian standards (1140/2006).

Noise Levels

Spot noise measurements were carried out at proposed construction location for Solar Power Plant Project in order to determine the ambient baseline sound level profile. Measurements were undertaken using data logging Sound Level Meter Model Extech HD600.

The project area is categorized as industrial area; therefore the measured noise level will be compared with limits set for Industrial areas, where Allowable noise 75 dBa at day and 65 dBa at night for Industrial areas.

The measurements were carried out during day time. LAavg is within the allowed limits 34 dBA, while maximum levels are not exceeding the standards 48.4 dBA.

Topography

The project area is located in a fairly flat area, a mountainous terrain is visible and contribute to the local drainage regime. A Shallow wadi intersects the southernmost section of the Industrial park area. Elevation at the project site is expected to be between 1005 to 1025 meters above the sea level.

Soil

The MDA conducted geotechnical investigation (November, 2013), the engineering analysis for the geotechnical investigation classified the soil as gravel and cobbles of limestone and with brown silty clay.

Furthermore, the soil and rock materials encountered at the site are suitable to be used for different backfilling purposes except sandy silty clay material.

Geology

The project site belongs to the Balqa group within the B4 and B3 formations (Umm Rijam and Muwaqqar formations), which fall within the Paleocene and upper cretaceous systems. In terms of sedimentary rocks these formations consist of chalk, chert, limestone and marl, the B3 formation is sometimes bituminous. Limestone and chert layers are prolific aquifers in much of Jordan. Well yields are highly variable and are controlled largely by cavernous zones in the limestone that are affected by the geologic structure.

Tectonic Setting

The project site lies within the light magnitude of Richter's scale which is illustrated on the seismic hazard distribution map of Jordan, Therefore, if an earthquake was induced in that area, it is anticipated that the intensity will fall between the 4.0 to 4.9 magnitudes, according to Richter's scale. The light magnitude is often felt with rattling and shaking noises, but usually causes no significant damages.

Water Resources

Surface Water

The project area is located within the Jafer surface water basin. The mean annual rainfall over the basin ranges from the highs of about 200 mm/yr in the western highlands to less than 25 mm/year in its eastern parts, averaging over the whole basin to about 40 mm/year.

Ma'an Development Zone (MDA) conducted Hydraulic and Hydrological analysis report for the solar panels projects location, the report used Ma'an meteorological data was obtained from

Ministry of Water and Irrigation, in addition to Royal Jordanian Geographic Center for contour maps.

Furthermore, site visit has been conducted in order to collect any observations such as hydrologic and hydraulic structures, the existing culverts, the spread of wadis, and evidence of floods in this area have been checked to be further analyzed. Since the Al Hejaz railway borders the project's site, a few culverts have been constructed in this area, which gave a good indication of the direction of floods and their points of concentration.

The proposed project satellite image shows high erosion features where water paths are predicted.

The catchment divided into two sub catchments by Al Husainain Dam, this dam has a great effect in reducing the flood potential in the project's area, as well as reduce the area of the catchment area of the project's site.

Groundwater

The project area is included within Jafer groundwater basin. Current use of Jafer already exceeds the available renewable supplies. The deficit is made up by the unsustainable practice of overdrawing the Highland aquifers, resulting in lowered water tables and deteriorating water quality.

The Jafer ground water basin is located in the south-central and south eastern part of Jordan and borders the WadiSirhan Basin to the East, the South and North Wadi Arab and Red Sea Basins to the West, Dead Sea and Zarqa Basins to the north and DisiBasin to the South.

The Basin encompasses a catchment's area of 12,364 km² or about 15% of the area of Jordan.

Biological Environment

Bio-geographic Zone

the project area is located in the zone that covers the most parts of eastern and southern Jordan, namely the Saharo-Arabian zone.

Vegetation Types

The proposed project area has one vegetation type, namely Hammada Vegetation

Most of the Saharo-Arabian region in Jordan is of Hammada type, which comprises about 50 percent of the total area. Four subdivisions of Hammada can be recognized:

1. Run-off hammada
2. Gravel hammada
3. Pebble hammada (Harrah)

4. Sandy hammada

The project area is characterized with all the above subdivisions of Hammada vegetation except Pebble Hammada.

Faunal Species Diversity

Herpeto-fauna

The project area has shown low abundance of reptiles during the baseline period, that due to the very low vegetation cover and the associated insects communities that comprises the main food for such species.

Mammals

Large mammals are rare and represented by few carnivores (Vulpes vulpes and Hyaenahyaena). On the other hand, rodents are diversified and quite common along the various sections of this area. Jaculus jaculus, Gerbillus dasyurus, Meriones libycus, Meriones crassus and Psammomys obesus are dominant. In addition, the Desert Hedgehog, Paraechinus aethiopicus is present in this area.

Birds

The project location is located in between two important bird areas in Jordan; Wadi Taraf Important Bird Area and Hizma Basin Important Birds Area.

Detailed Birds Survey is needed to update the status of the ecological relation between the project site and the Birds that are either resident or migrant passenger over this location and the surrounding area.

Birds Survey was made to update the status of the ecological relation between the project site and the Birds that are either resident or migrant passenger over this location and the surrounding area. The results have shown low importance of the project area for birds species due to the poor and degraded ecological characteristics of the area. Few common desert birds species were recorded during the baseline, such as: Desert Lark, Crested Lark and black Kite. None of these species are of conservation importance.

Important Ecological Habitats:

The project area does not have an ecologically important habitat, the nearest Important Birds Area is Abu Tarfa IBA which is at a distance of 15.9 km. In addition the nearest Rangeland Reserve to the project location is Ras An Naqab which is 22.87 km.

1.5. Socio-Economic Conditions

Population

It is anticipated that the population that will be present within project premises is the project employees.

Land use

The project area is within MDA and is classified as industrial area. The plot allocated for the project is currently empty of any use, surrounding area is also empty. The nearest populated area is the Industrial Park which is part of MDA and located around 1.5 km to the north-east of the project area.

Infrastructure, Utilities, and Transport

The project site can be reached through the international highway connecting Ma'an with the Saudi borders. The project aims to generating electricity, however until starting power generation, electricity and other utilities (water, wastewater and communication) will be provided through MDA.

As for existing infrastructure, none are currently present within the land plot allocated for the project.

1.6. Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources

An additional survey from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities – Archeology Directorate has been done by archeological team in 24/12/2013 at the proposed area for the solar power projects in MDA, and prepared a primary report; the survey team discovered three locations for Military camp – Ottoman era in addition to some horseshoe metals and piece of the tents cloth, however these identified sites fall outside the project area boundary, as shown in **Figure 52**.

1.7. Stakeholder Identification

Stakeholders should play a vital role in providing advice to the project management, therefore, in compliance with local EIA regulations, and international standards, i.e. IFC/World Bank, stakeholder engagement has been an ongoing process throughout the ESIA process in order to ensure transparency with all stakeholders that may be affected by, or have influence on the project.

The stakeholder engagement activities carried out during this ESIA are as follows:

- Identification of project stakeholders and all parties affected or related to this project
- Conducting a scoping session and documenting its results in a scoping statement report as part of the Final ToR.

The details of the above mentioned activities are further elaborated in the EIA report.

Security

The project will adopt the preventive security approach through building positive relation with the local community and other stakeholders via open dialogue channels via the community liaison persons who are more likely to be from the local community members.

1.8. Identification of Environmental and Socio-economic Aspects and Receptors

A definition of environmental aspects adopted for this EIA is namely that defined by ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems - Specification with Guidance for Use. An environmental aspect is denoted where an activity has the potential to interact with the environment. A socio-economic aspect can be considered to occur when an activity has the potential to interact with the social or economic environments within or at the vicinity of a specific project area.

In order to identify environmental and socio-economic aspects for this project, project activities, which may affect environmental and socio-economic receptors, require identification. This has been achieved through:

- Project-related studies and documentation;
- Consultation with project proponent i.e. Developer
- Consultation with MoEnv during the Scoping Session and ToR in addition to relevant stakeholders.

Environmental and Socio-economic receptors in relation to this Project have been identified in which includes receptors within: Physical Environment; Biological Environment; Socio-economic Environment. In addition, the possible interaction between the environmental aspects and receptors relevant to this project have been also identified and presented. This includes the main project activities/environmental & socio-economic aspects and the potential environmental impacts associated with each activity related to the Project. The impacts are mainly generated from construction, operation and decommissioning activities.

1.9. Analysis of Proposed project Alternatives

After examining all alternatives such as the 'project' versus 'no project' alternative and energy sources alternatives, it was found that going forward with the project is considered the best possible option as opposed to 'No Project' since the proposed project is considered a green and environmental solution for energy generation in Jordan as the solar energy considered as renewable clean technology with no emissions as well as the global and local trend for energy generation. Moreover, solar energy has less impact than the conventional energy resources.

1.10. PV Project Lifecycle GHG Emissions

Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) and Green House Gas emission inventories are conducted to better understand a project's environmental burden from "cradle to grave" and also to aid in comparison between different energy technologies.

Based on a desktop review of relevant sources by renowned international organizations like the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2011) and the US based National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL, 2012), benchmarks for lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for PV technology are presented in this section.

The following are the main findings from the published studies:

- According to NREL, the GHG emissions from PV systems has been found to be about **40 g CO₂eq/kwh** compared to 1000 g CO₂eq/kwh for traditional coal fired electric power plants as illustrated below.
- The study prepared by the IEA (2011) reflects a similar but slightly lower range of GHG emissions for the key PV technologies at **about 30 g CO₂eq/kwh**.
- The latest Carbon Emissions Estimation Tool (CEET) issued by the IFC indicates the following emission factor for a kwh of electricity produced the grid in Jordan: **637.42 g CO₂eq/kwh**,
- This mitigation dimension of PV projects is captured by parameters like the Energy Payback Time (EPBT), which is defined by the International Energy Agency (IEA) as the period for a renewable energy system to generate the same amount of energy (in terms of primary energy equivalent) that was used to produce the system itself. According to the study conducted by the IEA; applying the EPBT equation to the common PV systems, it was found that an average EPBT of around 1.5 years for these projects. This number is likely to be lower for this project considering that higher efficiency modules that will be used.

1.11. Impact Assessment

An identification and assessment of environmental, socio-economic and health & safety issues potentially arising from the Project have been undertaken, and mitigation measures were proposed aiming to reduce the potential impacts that may result from the Project.

Details of impact assessment and impact significance are provided in chapter 10 of this ESIA. In addition, an Environmental and Social Management Plan have been developed to ensure that potential impacts are sufficiently monitored and mitigation measures are implemented (chapter 11).

A brief summary of the key potential impacts and their corresponding mitigation measures and monitoring requirements are presented in the Tables below.

1.12. Environmental and Social Management Plan

The Environmental Management Plan (ESMP) for the respective project phases are presented below:

Table 1: Environmental and Social Management Plan during Construction Phase

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
Physical Environment			
Air Quality	Dust generation due to construction activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting an appropriate site speed limit to reduce dust generation from vehicles travelling over unmade surfaces. During construction dust generated on unpaved roadways and work areas should be controlled by the application of water on an “as needs” basis. Unnecessary handling of dusty materials will be avoided such as minimising drop heights when loaders dump soils into trucks. Train workers to handle construction materials and debris during construction to reduce fugitive emissions. Cover trucks when transferring fine and dusty materials outside the project location 	Visual monitoring of dust emissions during earthworks and construction activities
	Exhaust emissions due to operation of construction plant and machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure adequate maintenance and inspection of vehicles to minimize exhaust emissions. Not running engines for longer than is necessary. 	Visual monitoring of exhaust emissions during earthworks and construction activities
Noise	Increased noise levels during construction & machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor shall use heavy equipment, machinery, and fuels in compliance with national regulations. The contractor shall perform regular maintenance on all equipment, vehicle and machinery to prevent noise emissions. The contractor shall limit idling of engines when not in use to reduce its contribution to noise emissions. 	Noise measurements to be undertaken during construction activities, at the site in order to demonstrate compliance with the National environmental noise guidelines using a portable noise meter.

spect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
Soil	Soil disturbance due to removal of top soil, potential accidental spillage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spill prevention and response plan shall be prepared by the contractor in order to control any inadvertent leakage or spillage. Spill response measures shall be implemented (as necessary) to contain and clean up any contaminated soil. • Construction of bunds around relevant work and storage areas. Bunds in areas of hazardous chemical storage (including temporary storage) should be lined to contain accidental spillage and minimize the potential for migration to the underlying soil. • Any spilled chemical shall be immediately collected and disposed of in accordance with Spill Prevention and Response Plan and MSDS. • Contractor shall ensure that a spill kit and adequate PPE is available at the site for emergency cleanup activities in case of chemical/oil spillage. • To control soil erosion surface run-off should be collected from all paved working areas into retention ditches to restrict concentration of flows 	<p>Visual Inspection of storage area, and machinery through conducting regular audits of on-site activities and incident reporting forms.</p> <p>All site workers to be trained in spill response procedures.</p>
Visual Amenity	Visual impacts from construction activities such as materials lay down, excavation, backfilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor shall ensure general cleanliness and good housekeeping practice at the project site at all times. 	Visual inspection of general housekeeping and cleanliness at site in addition to waste management on site.
Water Resources	Potential surface water runoff due to high precipitation	<p>Avoid risks from high rainfall and potential flooding the following measures might be necessary for structure and road protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone "rip-rap" or beaching: lining the banks with some rocks or pebbles with a diameter greater than 6.26 cm for wadi bed and 4cm for banks. • Gabions: a cage cylinder or box filled with rocks, concrete, or sometimes sand and soil used for protecting the road. A gabion wall is a retaining wall made of stacked stone-filled gabions tied 	Follow-up with Ministry of Water and Irrigation and MDA (if needed)

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
		<p>together with wire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross weirs, weirs or J-hooks from natural materials found on site to decrease the velocity of flow in the wadi and redirect currents away from road to reduce accelerated flow. • Study the wadi path within the plot and the surface water runoff from road culvert(s) in order to construct the suitable hydraulic structure within the plot such as channels and/ or culverts to reach the adjacent wadi. 	
Waste Generation	Improper management and handling of hazardous and non-hazardous waste during construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor shall segregate storage for different types of wastes, such as hazardous, non-hazardous recyclable construction material, plastic, paper, etc. to facilitate proper disposal. • The contractor shall provide a separate storage area for hazardous materials. The hazardous materials/products must be labeled with proper identification of its hazardous properties. • Chemical waste shall be stored in accordance with the provisions of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The contractor shall keep MSDS onsite. • Contractor shall provide trash bins within each construction site so as to prevent littering in the project area and surrounding areas. • The contractor shall establish regular intervals for waste collection and disposal as per contractor's waste management procedures. • The sanitary and organic wastes shall be collected in a septic tank to be installed on site and disposed off regularly. 	<p>Visual monitoring of site cleanliness and proper storage and handling of hazardous waste and sewage.</p> <p>Inspect that segregated waste disposal or storage areas are clearly marked.</p>
Terrestrial Ecology			
Terrestrial Ecology	Potential disturbance to birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize human and vehicular contact with fauna, including their burrows / nests and feeding grounds. • Waste shall be stored on site within closed container, especially food remnants to avoid attracting birds on site. 	Visual inspection within project site.

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
Health and Safety			
Health and Safety risks	Potential of exposure to safety events such as tripping, working at height activities, fire from hot works, smoking, failure in electrical installations, mobile plant and vehicles, and electrical shocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction equipment used for the execution of the project works shall be fit for purpose and carry valid inspection certificates and insurance requirements. Risk assessment shall be prepared and communicated prior to commencement of work for all types of work activities on site. Provide walkways that are clearly designated as a walkway; all walkways shall be provided with good conditions underfoot; signposted and with adequate lighting. Signpost any slippery areas, ensure proper footwear with a good grip is worn for personnel working within slippery areas. As far as reasonably practical, use cordless tools that may not need to use cables. Where cables for temporary lighting or mains-powered tools will be used, all cables shall be run through designated corridors. Avoid work at height where it reasonably practicable to do so, e.g. by assembly at ground level. Prevent any person falling a distance liable to cause personal injury e.g. by using a scaffold platform with double guard-rail and toe boards; Arrest a fall with equipment to minimize the distance and consequences of a fall, e.g. safety nets, where work at height cannot be avoided or the fall prevented. Carry out fire risk assessment for the construction areas, identify sources of fuel and ignition and establish general fire precautions including, means of escape, warning and fighting fire. Set up a system to alert workers on site. This may be temporary or permanent mains operated fire alarm. Fire extinguishers should be located at identified fire points around the site. The extinguishers shall be appropriate to the nature of the potential fire. 	<p>Visual inspection by user before each activity</p> <p>Routine Inspection of Equipment and tools used during working at height activities</p> <p>Maintain proper housekeeping for the project site</p> <p>Routine Facilities' and site Inspection</p> <p>Vehicles and mobile plants inspection</p> <p>Preventive maintenance and patrol inspections for all vehicles and mobile plant</p> <p>Monitor work areas and activities to identify fire and explosions hazards.</p> <p>Fire Emergency Response Drills</p> <p>Inspection for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p> <p>Maintenance for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p>

spect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and communicate emergency response plan (ERP) with all parties, the ERP to consider such things as specific foreseeable emergency situations, organizational roles and authorities, responsibilities and expertise, emergency response and evacuation procedure, in addition to training for personnel and drills to test the plan • Ensure all plant machines and vehicles are regularly inspected, serviced and maintained; ensure all staff assigned is trained and competent to operate plant machines and vehicles. • Ensure all routes are suitable and wide enough for the vehicles, routes should be planned by minimise bends/junctions, steep gradients and the need for reversing, clearly designate areas for pedestrian walkways and crossing points. • Ensure clear signages are in place, such as Warning of speed limits, obstructions, allowable widths/heights...etc. • Electrical equipment must be safe and properly maintained; works shall not be carried out on live systems. • Only competent authorized persons shall carry out maintenance on electrical equipment, adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for electrical works must be provided to all personnel involved in the tasks. • Lock-Out / Tag-Out (LOTO) system shall be implemented during any electrical works. • Adequate number of staff and first aiders shall be on site in accordance with Jordanian Labour Law requirements. • First aid kit with adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, non-latex gloves, scissors, thermometer, etc. shall be made available by the contractor on site. • Emergency evacuation response shall be prepared by the contractor and relevant staff shall be trained through mock-up drills. 	

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	<p>Exposure to health events during construction activities such as manual handling and musculoskeletal disorders, hand-arm vibration, temporary or permanent hearing loss, heat stress, and dermatitis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that operations, which involve manual handling, are eliminated so far as reasonably practicable, provide mechanical aids such as forklifts, trolleys, cranes, hoists etc. • Ensure all equipment are suitable for jobs (safety, size, power, efficiency, ergonomics, cost, user acceptability etc), provide the lowest vibration tools that are suitable and can do the works. • Ensure all tools and other work equipment are serviced and maintained in accordance with maintenance schedules and manufacturer's instructions. • Regular noise exposure assessments and noise level surveys of noisy areas, processes and equipment shall be carried out in order to form basis for remedial actions when necessary. • As far as reasonably practical, all steps to reduce noise exposure levels of employees by means other than that of personal protective equipment shall be taken, such as reducing exposure times, enclosures, silencers, machine covers...etc. • Provide suitable and effective hearing protection to employees working in high noise levels. • Designate and clearly mark hearing protection zones, which may include particular areas, operations or pieces of equipment. All personnel entering these zones shall be required to wear hearing protection inside these areas. • Awareness training sessions should be established and provided to all personnel involved during the construction phase in order to highlight the heat related illnesses of working in hot conditions such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration. • Ensure adequate quantities of drinking water are available at different locations within the site, • Ensure proper planning of works to consider the time of peak temperatures during the day, provide rest brakes during the peak 	<p>Monitor the health of workers</p> <p>Monitor work areas and operations to identify noise hazards.</p> <p>Inspection for use hear protection equipment</p> <p>Fit Testing</p> <p>Maintenance & Care for Hear protection equipment.</p>

spect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
		<p>times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of sun shades at different locations within the site. • Eliminate the risk of exposure whenever possible, provide proper PPE wherever necessary and to ensure that there are satisfactory washing and changing facilities. • Ensure that all workers exposed to a risk are aware of the possible dangers. They should be given thorough training in how to protect themselves and there should be effective supervision to ensure that the correct methods are being used. 	
Socio-economics			
Traffic	Additional traffic load due to transport of equipment and materials to and from the site through the surrounding road network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor to ensure that all trucks and vehicles accessing the facility are operated by licensed operators. • Pedestrians Safety: All project vehicles and trucks shall comply with the proposed speed limits • Ensure adequate maintenance and inspection of vehicles • Presence of flagman at the entrance and exit of the project site in order to control vehicles and truck movement. 	<p>Obtain open dialogue with the MDA potential contractors for neighbouring projects that happen to be ongoing during the same time.</p> <p>Monitor vehicle movement to and from the Project area.</p>
Archaeological Resources & Cultural Heritage			
Archaeology & Cultural Resources	Only potential concern can be impacts on possible unseen archaeological sites/remains (chance finds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction works shall be ceased if any historical or archaeological sites are chance found during construction. • In the event potential archaeological and/or cultural resources are discovered during construction activities, the Department of Antiquities (DoA) shall be invited for consultations and assessment of the finding. • Work shall be resumed only after archaeological experts from DoA and official authorities are consulted and appropriate mitigation measures are implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of one site inspection immediately after chance find. • Informing personnel present on site of chance find procedures in case any archaeological or cultural resources were encountered

Table 2: Environmental and Social Management Plan during Operation Phase

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
Soil	Potential spillage of stored oil and chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific procedures shall be developed for the removal of waste or spilled fuel, oil and contaminated soil at approved disposal facilities. • Proper storage for chemicals and fuel within confined areas on site and adopting proper safety measures when handling those chemicals to prevent their leakage and infiltration into the soil. 	<p>Inspect the presence of any disturbed areas in and around the project site for erosion</p> <p>Visual inspection of oil storage tanks, waste storage area and fuel storage area for spills and leaks</p>
Visual Amenity	Potential glare from PV panels	The used technology has Anti- Reflective coating that significantly reduce the reflectance of the Pannels (from 2.5% to 2.6% only).	N/A
Terrestrial Ecology			
Terrestrial Ecology	Potential disturbance and harm to birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize human and vehicular contact with resident birds including their burrows / nests and feeding grounds. • Groundnests found on site shall be translocated outside the industrial park's boundary. • Waste shall be stored on site within closed container, especially food remnants to avoid attracting birds on site. 	Visual inspection within project site.
Health and Safety			
Safety risks	Potential of exposure to safety events during operation activities such as slipping and tripping, working at height activities, and fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide walkways that are clearly designated as a walkway; all walkways shall be provided with good conditions underfoot; signposted and with adequate lighting. • Ensure all works and storage areas are tidy, all material deliveries shall be planned to minimize accumulated materials at project site. • Signpost any slippery areas, provide proper 	<p>Routine Inspection of Equipment and tools used during working at height activities</p> <p>Maintain proper housekeeping for the project site</p> <p>Routine Facilities' and site Inspection.</p> <p>Monitor work areas and activities to identify fire and explosions hazards.</p> <p>Fire Emergency Response Drills</p>

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
		<p>footwear during working within slippery areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid work at height where it reasonably practicable to do so, e.g. by assembly at ground level. • Prevent any person falling a distance liable to cause personal injury e.g. by using a scaffold platform with double guard-rail and toe boards. • Carry out fire risk assessment during operation to identify sources of fuel and ignition and establish general fire precautions including, means of escape, warning and fighting fire. • Set up a system to alert workers on site. This may be temporary or permanent mains operated fire alarm. • Fire extinguishers should be located at identified fire points around the site. The extinguishers shall be appropriate to the nature of the potential fire. • Establish and communicate emergency response plan with all parties, the ERP to consider such things as specific foreseeable emergency situations, organizational roles and authorities, responsibilities and expertise, emergency response and evacuation procedure, in addition to training for personnel and drills to test the plan • Adequate first aiders shall be on site in accordance with Jordanian Labour Law requirements. • First aid kit with adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, non-latex gloves, scissors, thermometer, etc. shall be made available by the contractor on site. • Emergency evacuation response shall be prepared 	<p>Inspection for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p> <p>Maintenance for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p>

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements
		by the contractor and relevant staff shall be trained through mock-up drills.	
Socio-economics			
Traffic	Potential minimal increase of traffic load	Implementation of a regulated entrance and exsist into the facility.	Monitoring of access roads around site Record complaints received from locals or authorities.

1.13. Decommissioning

The solar power plant facility is considered a large scale long-term investment that will contribute to economic benefits to the country through provision of power supply, designed in accordance with best practice, taking into account all relevant national and internal codes and legislation.

The design life of the facility will be approximately 20 years. Therefore, the post-design life is expected to involve rehabilitation, upgrading and modernization of the facility, with a possible expansion (retrofitting and addition of new technology).

As a result, impacts from decommissioning are not expected to arise in the near future unless retrofitting and upgrade of the facility was not feasible. However, this, EIA Study has considered potential decommissioning impacts in case there was a need for the facility to be dismantled and end operations.

As can be noted from the impact assessment chapter 10, no impacts with high significance are anticipated to take place during decommissioning of the project since all facilities will be removed, solar power plant decommissioned, and PV panels will be dismantled and sent for recycling.

The main mitigation and monitoring measures to minimize or reduce the environmental and social impacts during decommissioning are anticipated to be similar to those identified for the construction phase.

Therefore, to avoid repetition, please refer to **Table 1** for detailed mitigation measures that are overlap with decommissioning as well.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Government of Jordan (GoJ) (represented by The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) issued the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Law No. (13) for the year 2012 (the "RE&EE Law"), Al Zanbaq for Energy Generation was entrusted to be one of the developer in the renewable energy sector.

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) then issued in May 2011 a Request for Expression of Interest (the "REOI") in order to promote the investment opportunities in renewable energy projects and to select the possible projects under the direct proposal submission procedure set out in the RE&EE Law.

Al Zanbaq for Energy Generation has responded to the REOI and delivered an Expression of Interest (the "EOI") in July 2011 with the proposal to develop a 10 MW PV in Ma'an, furthermore, it became shortlisted and was invited to sign a MOU in May 2012. Now

Al Zanbaq for energy Generation has completed its preparation of final proposal, and has submitted its proposal according to the guide lines and instructions published by MEMR,

Al Zanbaq for energy generation has received the acceptance letter and signed the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in March 2014 and starts with the detailed design stage and prepares the required studies then implements the project,

Arabtech Jardaneh (AJ) was appointed by Al Zanbaq for energy generation to prepare the Environment and Social Impact Assessment study (ESIA) for the project activities during the three phases of the project construction, operation and decommissioning. After receiving the Final Terms of Reference (TOR) acceptance letter from the Ministry of environment (MoEnv.) dated June 9th, 2014, the Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was prepared, which is considered as second stage of the ESIA process as stipulated within MoEnv's requirements. The ESIA was subsequently approved by the Ministry on August 17th 2014.

It is also worth mentioning that AJ has been extensively involved in preparation of the environmental studies associated with Al Zanbaq's PV project, given that AJ has successfully completed the Preliminary Impact assessment (PEA) for the project previously and submitted to MEMR on March 2013.

The ESIA study will be used to support the application for an environmental permit from the MoEnv in line with the Jordanian Environmental Impact Assessment "EIA" Regulations 37/2005.

In accordance with MoEnv's requirements, the ESIA assignment will consist of the following phases:

- Preparation of Preliminary ToR(**completed**);
- Attend and document scoping session with stakeholders(**completed**);
- Finalize and submit ToR following input from MoEnv(**completed**);

- Perform ESIA study and prepare ESIA report (**completed**);
- Preparation of an environmental and social management plan (ESMP), to be incorporated into the ESIA report (**Completed**).

2.1. ESIA Objectives

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study will be used to:

- Support the application for environmental approval from the Ministry of Environment (MoEnv.) in line with the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Regulation No. 37 for year 2005.
- Evaluate the likely environmental, social and health impacts that may potentially be generated from the project.
- Minimize / eliminate negative impacts, maximize positive impacts.
- Ensure that environmental, social and health factors are considered in the decision-making process.
- Inform the public about the project.

2.2. The Proponent

Al Zanbaq for Energy Genration is the Proponent for the proposed Solar Power Plant Project. The contact details for the proponent’s primary contacts are provided below:

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2.3. The Consultant

AJ has prepared this Final TOR for an ESIA on behalf of the project proponent in accordance with the MoEnvguidelines.

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2.4. ESIA Reporting

This ESIA report is submitted to MoEnv. to include the key environmental issues, existing (baseline) conditions, anticipated activities that will cause impacts, a general suite of mitigation measures, and assessment on the likely remaining (residual) impact following mitigation. The ESIA report will be prepared in compliance with the requirements of Al Zanbaq as well as the MoEnv requirements.

The final ESIA report will be submitted within two weeks of receipt of one set of written and consolidated comments from Al Zanbaq and MoEnv. With the exception of the Executive Summary, the reporting will be in English.

The final ESIA report, which when approved, will form the basis of the Environmental Permit, together with supporting environmental, social and health management plans, as well as the waste management plan.

The ESIA report will include, at a minimum:

Executive Summary	Summary (in English and Arabic) of the project, main findings and recommendations
Introduction	Overview and purpose of the project and scope of the ESIA
Review of Legislation and Standards	Details of the applicable legislation and regulations and other standards in Jordan with potential implications to the project
Project Description	A clear and concise description of different activities over the life of the project. The description should be sufficient to allow the risks and impacts to be identified, described and evaluated
Environmental & Social Baseline	Assessment of the baseline conditions against which the impacts of the project can be assessed
Assessment of Impacts	Assessment of the impacts of the project (and methodology used), which shall include a listing, description, assessment (including quantification of impact), and discussion of the possible negative and positive impacts of the project on the environment and social fabric, including socio-economic context
Stakeholder Identification and Engagement	Summary of the stakeholder engagement process which will identify the affected parties and details how the project will communicate, inform and discuss the substantive issues with all interested and effected parties

Analysis of Alternatives	A comparison of the project alternatives considered and their potential impacts
Mitigation and Monitoring measures	Recommendations for mitigation measures to minimize the identified impacts and any ongoing monitoring requirements
Environmental/Social Management Plan	Details of specific activities to be carried out during different phases of the project and project activities to ensure the identified mitigation measures are implemented

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project plans to develop and construct a photovoltaic (PV) plant in Ma'an governorate within the selected area for this propose; the project located in plot B2 and has a total capacity of approximately **10.0 MWp** and the system is composed by **14** inverters and **37,627** modules. A summary of our solution is presented in **Table 3** and the layout in **Figure 1**. The main components will be detailed in the following sub-sections.

Table 3 : PV plant General Description

Nominal Power	Peak power	N Inverter	Total N Modules	Modules Per string
10 MW	11.1MWp	14	37,627	20

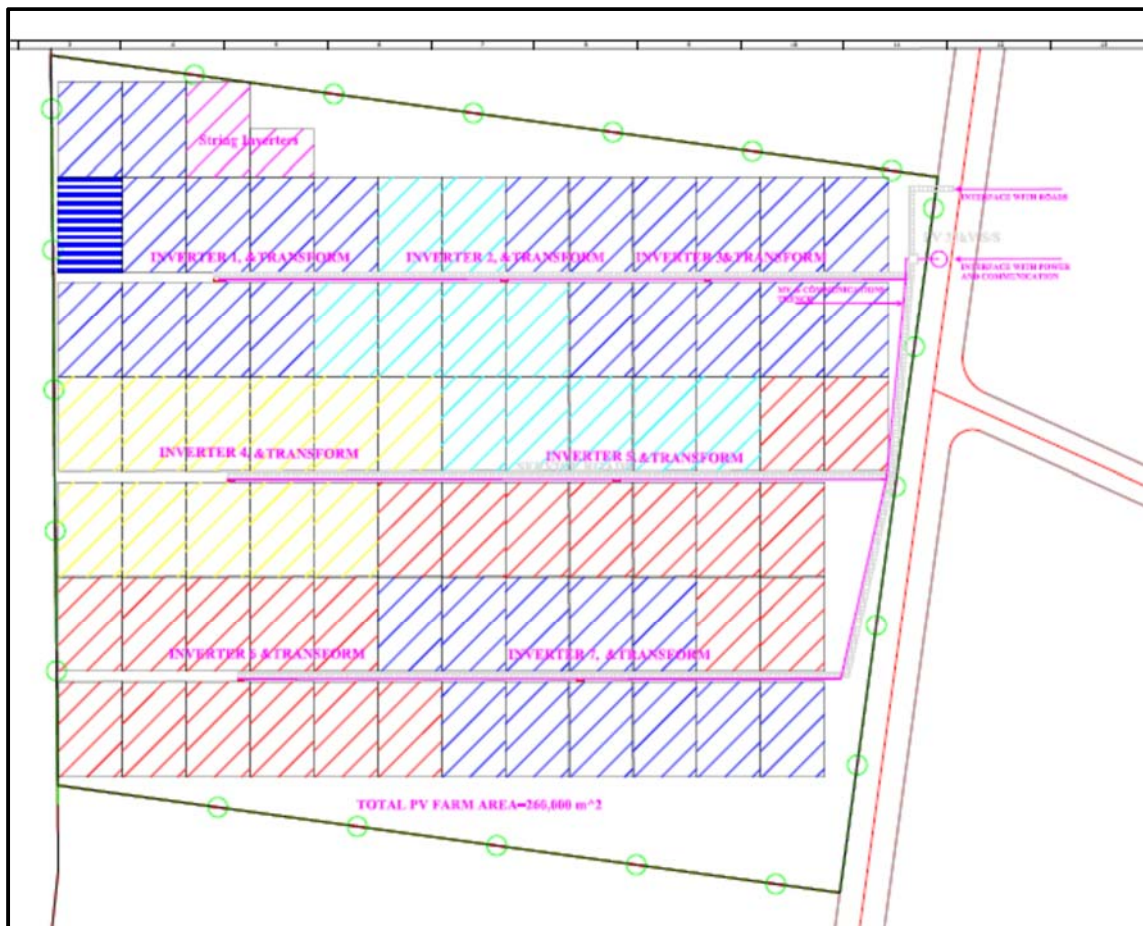


Figure 1 : PV Plant Layout

MDA is located to the east of Ma'an City in Ma'an Governorate, which area is 33,163 km²; refer to below **Figure 2** and made up of four clusters that will cover approximately 9 Km² of surface area (refer to Figure 2):

- Residential Community
- Industrial Park
- Hajj Oasis
- Skill Development Center

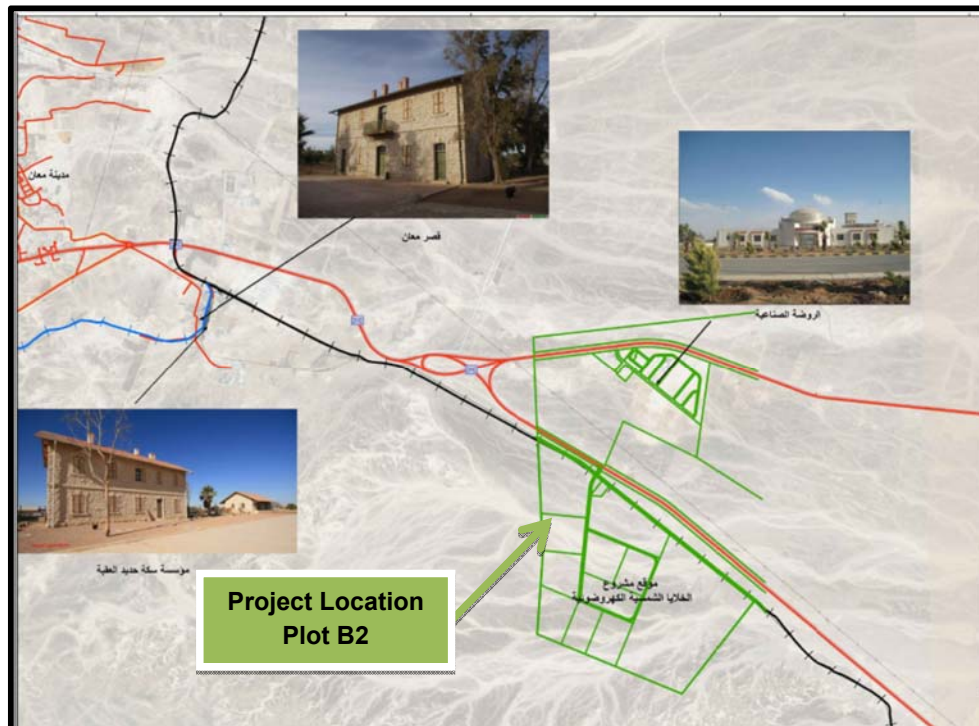


Figure 2: Ma'an Development Area and the project location

The area that was selected for the photovoltaic projects is around 5 km², and it is bordered by the Al Hijaz railway to its North East along with the Ma'an-Mudawara major road within the project's site, a proposed service road has been designed to serve the different plots. Figure below shows the location of the project site at plot no. B2 relative selected area.



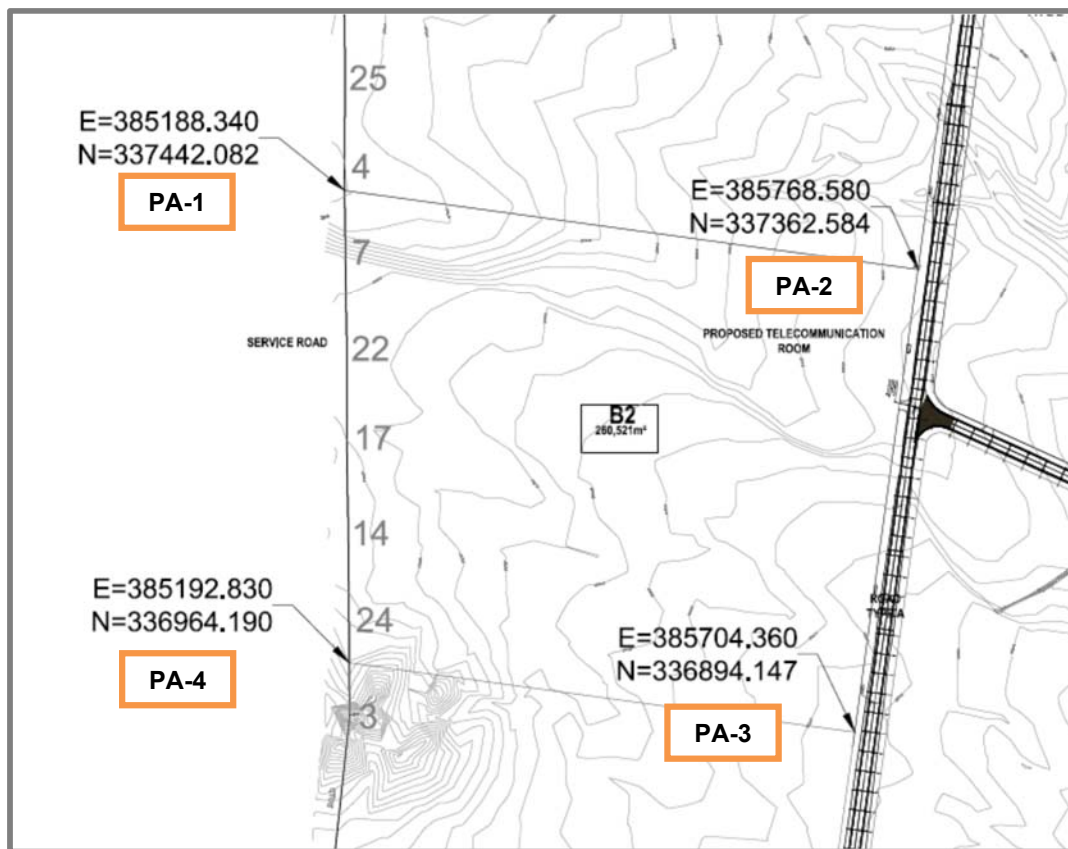
Figure 3 : The project plot location.

The Site plot B2 is marked by the coordinates PA1, PA2, PA3, and PA4, having an area of about 260,000 square meters.

The Site is situated within the following Jordanian System coordinates:

Table 4: The project Jordanian System coordinates

Point	Jordanian System (E)	Jordanian System (N)
PA-1	385188.340	337442.082
PA-2	385768.580	337362.584
PA-3	385704.36	336894.147
PA-4	385192.83	336964.190
Total Area	260,000m² 500m X 500m	



3.1. System Design

The necessary area to install 10 MWac solar PV system is approximately 260,000 m² as shown in the layout. The layout is preliminary, an in depth site visit is necessary to best assess the area of land. That includes for modules, inverters, and if applicable roads and the fence around the system.

The modules shall be electrically interconnected to form multiple strings which are collected in parallel at fused combiner boxes. Several combiner boxes are then connected to the fused DC input of an inverter. The cable outputs from the inverters shall be (AC, 3-Phase) which are routed to the grid interconnection point. The interconnection point is assumed to be in proximity of the system and should contain the revenue meter for the entire system.

The modules will be assembled onto a ground mount system in a manner that ensures a uniform distribution, designed to optimize the array's energy production. Whenever possible, all mechanical hardware, conduits, combiner boxes and other equipment will be concealed beneath or behind the solar array. The solar power plant will be designed with the best engineering practices, following international and local standards.

3.2. Design Calculation

The used method for energy produced by a PV installation is directly related with the solar irradiation, temperature conditions, and equipment efficiency. It is also related with its own design, equipment quality and implementation. The environmental conditions are non-predictable; however it is possible to be supported in existing meteorological databases to get meteorological references to our study.

The plant final yield will be a consequence of its own components. Such yield will depend on used materials quality, their behavior under several operation conditions and other external factors such as dust and dirt.

3.3. Calculation of PR

The solar irradiation data used in our study were taken from Meteonorm database, which calculates this data using measurements taken from several meteorological stations using different interpolation data techniques.

At Trina Solar created a database with medium values for each of previously specified losses, based on reference values from several referenced sources and measurements taken from already existing plants.

Some of these values were introduced in PVSYST in order to obtain a PR value as near as possible to real value. It should be taken in account that some of these loss factors, such as inverter yield, shadings, modules tolerance and temperature originated losses are calculated by PVSYST,

For the values presented so far, the annual PR of the installation is defined as follows (following the international standards IEC 61724 or UNE EN 61724):

$$PR(\%) = \frac{E(kWh, year)}{\frac{G_{a,year,surf.generator} \left(\frac{kWh}{m^2}\right)}{G^*_{STC} \left(\frac{kW}{m^2}\right)} \times P_p(kWp)} \times 100$$

Where:

- Is the full operational year, $i=1, 2, \dots$. Being (PR year) $i=0$ the initial annual value);
- **E** (kWh, year) is the energy produced by the installation during a year in kWh (meter at the MV transformer output);
- **G_a**, year, surf generator (kWh/m².year) is the annual irradiance on the generator's plan. The measured value is obtained from the technology equivalent cell installed on the same level as the generators.
- **P_p** (kWp) is the installed power defined by contract and paid by the customer;

Finally it should be taken in account that PR values presented in this document refers to the first year of production, which means that degradation losses along module's lifetime were not considered.

3.4. Module Technology

Trina's electrical design for the photovoltaic system is based on utilizing TSM-295 PC14 photovoltaic module which has the following general specifications and compliances as a minimum:

- 15.2% overall module efficiency at Standard Test Conditions (STC)
- Anodized aluminum frame offering robust construction
- Dimensions are 1956 × 992 × 40mm, and weight is 27.6 kg
- Minimum 10 years product warranty from any defects or workmanship
- 0-3% power output tolerance
- 25 Year Linear Power Warranty

The series wiring of modules forming PV strings will be designed to optimize the solar array's energy production. Any outdoor wiring that is exposed to the sun will include UV stabilizer material and is designed to withstand outdoor weather conditions.

Our panels have proven their superior energy performance in independent tests around the world. Our new 10-year product warranty and our 25-year linear performance warranty provide additional assurance. Choosing Trina Solar isn't just a quality purchase; it's a sound investment. The following chart shows testing results on solar system yield among world top module makers, the testing was done by Photon magazine.

The PV project contains four major components, which are:

1. PV modules

2. Invertors
3. Mounting system

The detailed descriptions for the project main components are in the following sub sections:

3.5. Inverter Technology

Trina proposes the use of central inverters as a majority and a few string inverters to fulfill the required 10MW AC power.

Inverters are selected from leading international suppliers. These inverters are designed to produce reliable energy at a high efficiency with minimum maintenance requirements and supervision. The inverters shall be compliant with international testing certifications and approvals.

Trina ensures that any inverters used meet local and international electricity regulations including auto- synchronization, anti-islanding, over current protection, over and under voltage protection, short circuit protection, earth leakage protection, DC motorized circuit breaker and AC disconnect fuses.

Inverters are equipped with a grid monitoring safety function which is permanently activated after the inverters have been connected. The inverters will synchronize their voltage and frequency outputs with that of the grid parameters. If the grid value exceeds or falls below these limits, the inverters automatically disconnect and will not restart until the grid parameters are within the permitted limits.

Trina's design for the PV system will consist of a total of 7Nos X 1400kW outdoor inverters and 7Nos X 27.6kWp outdoor string inverters housed under shade shelters. The enclosure will be equipped with an air filtering system. The finalized selection of the inverter capacity will be chosen upon award of contract.

3.6. Mounting Structure

Trina proposes a mounting solution that can be adapted easily for the solar module chosen and any attachment required. The mounting system components will be made from highly durable galvanized steel or aluminium, which protects against corrosion and thereby withstanding local weather and soil conditions and ensuring a long design life.

The Tracker System is formed by an array of alignments North/South direction that rotates around their axis with the aim of tracking the sun from East to West. All North-South alignments are connected through a central actuator that ensures the zenithal movement by means of a unique linear actuator. A detailed mounting system design will be presented with the final design package after the project parameters have been confirmed.

Trina Propose the use of ground screws/ or equivalent instead of concrete foundations

- The Screws foundations withstand load immediately
- Environmental friendly, no sealing of the soil, no digging no concrete work is required

- Maximum stability for all soil types, quality for long life time and reutilization
- Suitable for installations in single and multiple rows
- Certified by structural engineer and certifying authorities
- Screw Foundation: The screw is integrated in the racking-system & promising maximum stability
- Installation is possible into all soil types (even rocky terrain)

3.7. Particular requirements

- Each Plant item shall be designed to withstand the most extreme ambient conditions to which it may be subjected.
- The Plant has a high level of fire Protection in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes. Recommendations of NFPA 850 shall be adopted.
- A first aid medical facility within the Site shall be provided.

Mechanical systems requirements

The following mechanical requirements for the main systems shall be taken under consideration:

- **Materials**

Materials selected shall be proven adequate and sufficient for the complete term of the Project.

All corrosion and erosion possibilities subject to the environment of the Site and nearby facilities will be carefully considered, and all non-metallic materials in contact with distillate or potable water shall be proven, tested and certified as suitable for its purpose by an internationally recognized testing authority. Non-metallic materials shall also be resistant to high UV exposure and high temperature operation regimes.

- **Solar field**

The Solar field designed, manufactured and configured in accordance with a commercially proven design in such a way that the conversion of solar irradiation into electricity is based on high efficiency and achieves high availability and reliability of the solar field.

- **Degrees of protection against access**

Components such as transformer enclosures, inverter enclosures, cabinets, connectors, etc, shall be properly selected in order to guarantee the protection

against ingress of solid and water harmful elements. Environmental site conditions should be taken into consideration during their selection.

○ **Mounting frames**

The Solar field is to be installed in solar trackers. The mounting system, including foundations and structures designed and assembled to withstand wind speeds up to 120km/h second gust.

○ **Ventilation system**

It shall be ensured correct and proper ventilation inside cabinets, by means of ventilation grills, for inverter, transformer and switchgear. It shall be ensured a correct indoor temperature under outdoor temperature within the range.

○ **Medium voltage cabling**

- All inner PV plant MV cabling shall be executed as underground cables by means of cable trenches or if applicable cable plowing.
- All design documents including layout, single line diagrams and Technical specifications of selected products are to be provided, preliminary SLD and equipment data sheet are included,

Electrical requirements

The following electrical requirements shall be taken into consideration:

- Protection systems to disconnect the Plant in order to minimize damage from faults shall be in place and conform to the Grid Code;
- The Developer will be responsible for protecting the Plant in case the frequency and voltage of the Power Grid System exceeds the limits specified in the Grid Code;
- All MV and LV switchgears, DC equipment and safe AC equipment shall be suitably housed;
- The mechanical protection class of all LV switchgears shall be minimum IP55. DC rectifiers and inverters, including but not limited to uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), shall be minimum IP31;
- All LV main switchgears shall be of the withdrawal type. DC and safe AC distributions may be of fixed installed type;
- The design ambient temperature of the electrical equipment shall be 50°C;
- All electrical equipment shall be routine tested in factories. Type tests will not be repeated if type test certificates of the same equipment are available;

- The generator transformers and the isolated phase busducts shall be designed to be able to transmit the maximum output of the solar subarrays at all possible ambient temperatures. The unit auxiliary transformers shall be designed for the ambient conditions on Site;
- Bushings, surge arresters and cable sealing ends utilized for outdoor connections shall have a minimum creepage distance of 50mm/kV.

3.8. I&C requirements

For control and monitoring of the substation a digital Substation Control and Monitoring System (SCMS) with related HMI systems shall be provided in the "switchgear and control building". For remote control from the NCC the required signal exchange via the telecommunication equipment shall be provided. Specific requirements for installed measuring equipment, measuring accuracy and master data that must be made available by NEPCO for a power plant to be connected to transmission network.

The project developer shall coordinate with NEPCO in order to obtain the corresponding information and requirements. The PV plant operator shall ensure continuity in sending sizes active power, reactive power, voltage and frequency to the network operator as appropriate.

Redundant AC, Safe AC and DC auxiliary energy backup systems shall be provided. Each battery shall be able to supply the loads for 3 hours in case of a total supply voltage failure.

An earthing system according VDE 0101 or IEEE 80 shall be provided.

3.9. Metering requirements

The settlement meter shall be located at the interconnection point on the switchyard. The electrical losses from the step-up transformer to the settlement metering point are to be borne by the Developer. The developer shall clearly design and describe the metering concept and the meter devices to record the energy produced by the PV plant and energy consumed by auxiliary loads. Metering shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Grid Code. The Developer shall provide the complete metering equipment according to such requirements. Provisions shall be made for signaling the above data to the NCC.

The Developer shall provide, at its sole cost and expense, the telecommunications equipment. Installation, testing, inspection, repair, recalibration and replacement of the metering system and any backup metering system shall be performed by the Developer according Transmission Metering Code.

3.10. Civil requirements

All construction activities shall occur within the Site boundary limits with the exception of those activities related to the interconnections between the Site and the common infrastructures, which will be performed by the Developer outside the Developer's fence:

The most suitable access between the official existing road systems to the project area shall be verified.

The plant drainage system shall be designed, build, operated and maintained. The Plant drainage system shall respect as much as possible the original natural drainage of the Site.

Seismic load on buildings and structures shall be based on Seismic Zone as per the Uniform Building Code or its accepted European equivalent. In addition, horizontal lateral forces shall not be less than 4% of the total vertical load. All earthquake calculations shall be made in accordance with the latest version of the respective Jordanian regulations.

The Developer shall be responsible for backfilling and grading of the Site as required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Plant. In addition, all inert material surpluses shall be managed within the limit of the Site. The concrete structures shall be designed to resist physical and chemical attack due to environment conditions, soil or groundwater. The metal structures including painting and protections shall be designed to resist physical and chemical attack due to environment conditions.

3.11. Interfaces

General Interfaces are the physical points at which the Developer's interconnection facilities and other facilities meet. Al Zanbaq will provide all required hardware and software installations of the Interface up to the Interface point one (1) meter outside the Site subject to the co-operation of all involved parties.

The following Interfaces are related to the PV Plant and described in this Section:

- Interfaces with NEPCO:
- Interfaces with the Electrical Connection Facilities
- Interfaces with the NEPCO National Control Centre (NCC) in Amman South.
- Interfaces with MEMR headquarter in Amman

Other Interfaces may require during the construction and operation phases:

- Interfaces with telecommunication system is not required; a mobile connection will be used to provide the required telecommunications
- Interfaces with new main access roads at Site
- Interfaces with Water Connection Facilities is not required as the cleaning method will be a dry cleaning
- Interfaces for auxiliary power supply

3.12. Standards and Codes

The engineering, design, construction, testing, etc. of all Plant components, including all auxiliary facilities and systems, are according to internationally recognized standards and codes in their latest edition. The latest editions of the standards, codes and recommendations and directives issued by the following organizations shall apply for the design, construction, testing and commissioning of the Project.

International standards

- ISO International Standardization Organization
- IEC International Electro-technical Commission National standards
- ANSI American National Standards Institute
- BSI British Standards Institution
- DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung
- EN NFPA European Standards National Fire Protection Association

In addition to the standards stated above, the design of the Plant shall strictly meet all requirements of the Grid Code.

3.13. Grid Connecting

This section describes the minimum requirements for grid connection of PV Facility in Jordan and provides detailed stipulations supporting the current System Grid Code for the connection of PV Facility to the national grid of NEPCO at the 33 kV level.

The System Grid Code requirements comprise the following points which are later on described in more detail:

- Network disturbance requirements:
 - Sudden voltage changes
 - Long term flicker o Harmonics and inter-harmonics
 - Commutation notches o Audio-frequency centralized ripple-control
 - Behavior of generating plant (static and dynamic requirements) connected to the network:
 - Dynamic network support
 - Active power control
 - Reactive power control
 - Frequency band

3.14. Sudden Voltage Change

Voltage changes at the Delivery Point attributable to the connection and disconnection of generators or generating units do not give rise to inadmissible network disturbances if the maximum voltage change due to the switching operation at an inverter does not exceed a value of 2%, i.e. if $\Delta u_{max} \leq 2\%$ (related to agreed service voltage U_c) and does not occur more frequently than once within 3 minutes.

3.15. Water Consumption and wastewater Generation

The project is expected to use limited quantities of fresh water during the three project phase construction, operation, and decommissioning, since such this type of projects considered as a low water consumption projects, the project will be supplied by the water through and combined water and firefighting network as a part of the infrastructure in the project area.

The generated wastewater will be collected in a cesspit tank then to be emptied regularly regarding to the limited quantities of the wastewater.

The expected water consumption for the project is summaries **Table 5** below:

Table 5: Water consumption

	Water consumption (m³)	Wastewater Generation (m³)
Daily	2.85	2.40
Yearly	1020	860

3.16. Implementation Schedule

The project Implantation Schedule will start in February 24, 2014 and accomplish by October 29, 2015, the detailed activities shown in bar chart in **Figure 4**.

The construction of the project will start early 2015; while the period in between February 2014 to December 2014 will entail preparation and mobilization including the following tasks:

1. Environment Impact Assessment Study.
2. Detailed Design
3. Material Selection

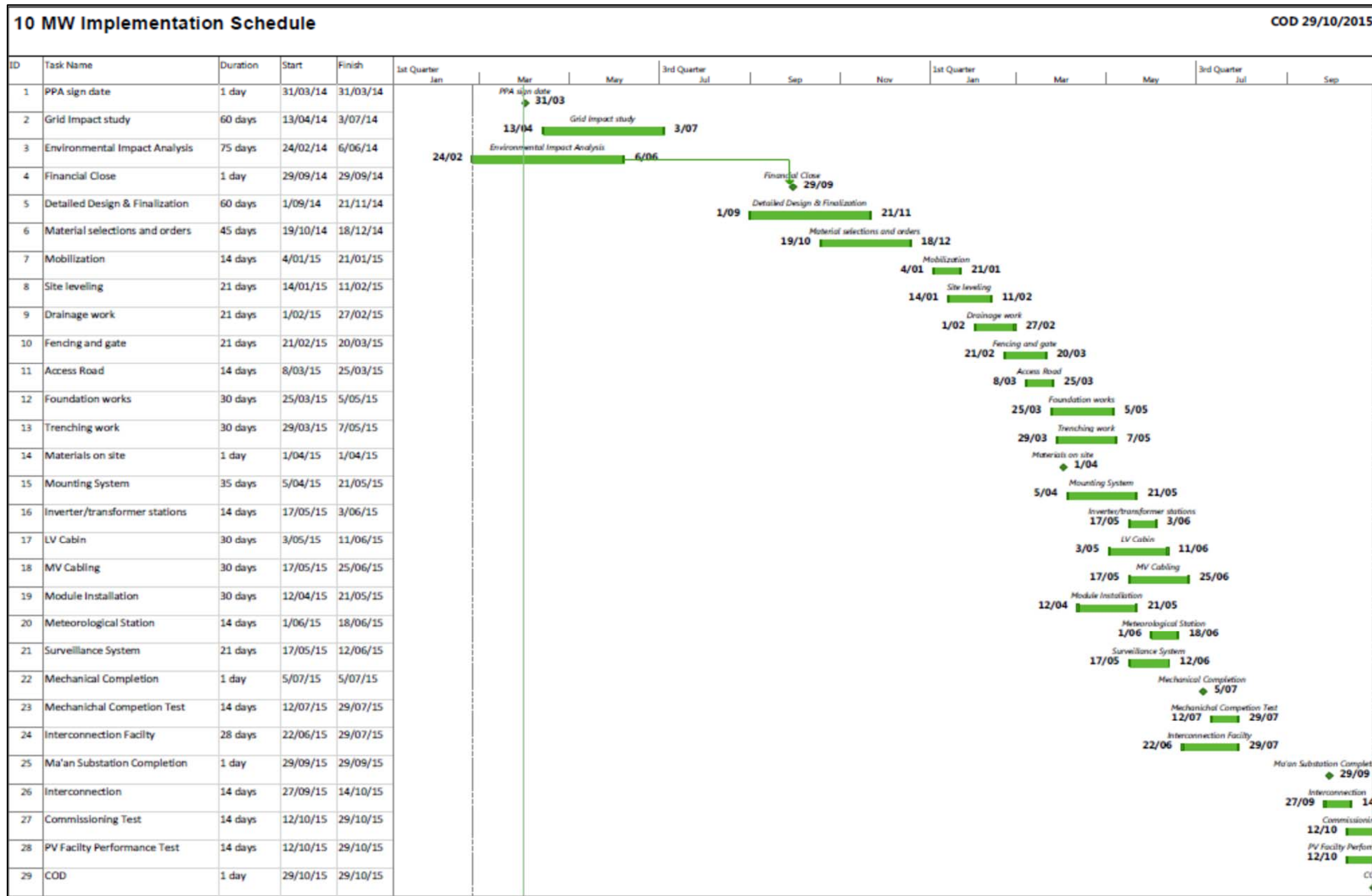


Figure 4: Implementation Schedule

4. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The importance of this section is to outline main institutions that are related to environmental issues, in addition to laws, regulations, etc., relevant to the natural environment of the Jordan and describes relevant international conventions and treaties signed and ratified by Jordan and incorporated into the national law.

4.1. Relevant Environmental-Related Institutions

A selection of the main Ministries, Institutions and Authorities that are directly related to environmental issues are as follows:

Ministry of Environment

The Jordanian Ministry of Environment (MoEnv.) is the principal environmental institution in Jordan and responsible for the evaluation of the environmental impacts of the project and issue of associated project licenses and clearance.

MoEnv was established in 2003, and its mission is maintaining and improving Jordan's environmental quality through sustaining and conserving the environmental resources thus contributing to sustainable development. MoEnv develops environmental policies that are implemented and enforced throughout the Kingdom, moreover, it is dedicated towards ensuring that legislation is enforced; raising public awareness, inspection and monitoring, encouraging co-operating with national, regional and international bodies.

The Ministry of Environment has the legal strength of the environmental law that provides the Ministry with the tool to perform their duties. The Environmental Protection Law was one of the temporary laws issued in 2003, and was officially endorsed by the Jordanian Parliament in 2006 and issued as the Law No. 52 for the Year 2006.

The law considers the Ministry of Environment to be the competent authority for the protection of environment in the Kingdom, and the official and national authorities shall be bound to implement the instructions and resolutions issued under the provisions of this law which give the Ministry all the judicial powers it requires for implementing the law.

Law No. 52 provides the Ministry with the legal power to inspect any facility, and according to the findings of the audit, gives the Ministry the right to order a facility shutdown until the proper mitigation and control measures are implemented and the environmental violation eliminated. This inspection system was further strengthened with the establishment of the Environmental Police in 2007 where the police are now acting as an implementation tool and a full-fledged partner in the implementation of the environmental law.

The Environmental Protection Law has also introduced a system of an environmental "pre-emptive" assessment of all economic and developmental projects to be established in Jordan. This process is known as the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) where any developmental or economic project should carry out a detailed assessment of the expected environmental impacts potentially arising from the implementation of the project, and how these impacts can be mitigated through remedial action at the technical, legislative and public levels.

According to the Environmental Protection Law, the EIA study should be done before the project is initiated and sent to the Ministry of Environment where it will be reviewed. Please refer to EIA Regulation No. (37) / year 2005 classifies projects into three categories according to their environmental impacts:

- **Category 1:** Projects that require comprehensive ESIA
- **Category 2:** Projects that require PEA
- **Category 3:** Projects that don't require an ESIA

This regulation sets out the process for conducting an EIA study and the items to be included in the Study, procedure for obtaining an environmental clearance. In addition, it lists the projects that require a full EIA or a preliminary EIA. Any project which may pose potentially significant impacts on the environment must have a full EIA carried out and will be classified as a Category 1 Project according to the EIA regulation, the study must be conducted prior to obtaining environmental clearance from MoEnv for construction and operation activities. This will apply to this project.

Al Zanbaq for Energy Generation, the Proponent, is responsible for submitting the ESIA study to MoEnv. upon an agreement with AJ (the ESIA Consultant) who will be conducting an ESIA Study for the project in compliance with all Jordanian legislation mentioned in the following sections.

If the impact assessment is approved, the project will get the license and start its activities while adhering to the environmental mitigation and management systems specified and approved in the study. Any deviation from those guidelines would render the project to violations.

EIA Regulation in Jordan

According to the Jordanian ESIA Regulation no (37) / Year 2005, this project is classified as Category (1), i.e. it needs a full ESIA. In accordance with Article (9), the Project Owner, i.e. Al Zanbaq for energy generation submits a preliminary draft of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the ESIA Study, which has been submitted on April 14th 2014, MoEnv, The project owner and AJ will then agree on a scoping session date in which all relevant stakeholders and concerned parties such as governmental directorates, ministries, Non-Governmental Organizations, relevant associations and institutions and so on were invited by MoEnv.

The Scoping Session was held on May 8th, 2014 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Amman, Jordan and the Final ToR was submitted on May 15th, 2014 and approved by the Ministry of Environment on June 9th, 2014. Subsequently, the ESIA study was prepared and submitted to MoEnv and reviewed by the technical committee, and was approved on August 17th 2014.

4.2. Other Relevant Ministries

Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR)

MEMR was established in 1984 and entrusted with administering and organizing the energy sector in a way that achieves the national objectives. the responsibilities of the Ministry were

amended to include the comprehensive planning process of the sector, and setting the general plans and ensuring their implementation in a way that achieves the general objectives of the energy sector, the most important of which is providing energy, in its various forms, for the development process, organizing its affairs, exchanging electric power with neighbouring countries, and attracting international capital for investment in this field, especially the generation of electric power, the generation of oil derivatives, transportation of oil and gas, and utilizing local energy sources.

The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) was established in 1965. In 1968 law number 12 was ratified to regulate tasks, responsibilities and management of NRA. NRA was formed then, from many Directorates amongst are Mining, Geology, Water and Irrigation.

Since 1985, MEMR was assigned as the President of NRA. Water and Irrigation Directorates were transferred to form an essential component of MWI.

The main strategic objectives of the ministry are to ensure energy efficient practices in all sectors, promote energy efficiency projects, development and efficient exploitation of local energy sources such as renewable energy.

Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)

The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) is responsible for managing public rangelands and forests, protecting soil, pasture-land and flora, provision of agricultural loans, support farmers, the granting of permits for import and export of agricultural products of plant, animal and veterinary medicines and vaccines, and live birds, the establishment and renewal of licenses for companies, factories, shops, galleries, nurseries and agricultural farms and olive presses, provide training for farmers, protecting and managing wildlife, issuing fishing and hunting licenses and regulations. Some wildlife protection and permitting tasks are the responsibility of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN).

Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) / Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)

These organizations work collectively in order to determine the national water policies and regulations in order to protect water from contamination. In addition, the ministry is responsible for water protection and monitoring studying irrigation patterns and sewerage. Moreover, groundwater, aquifer management and abstraction monitoring and licensing are the responsibility of WAJ.

Generally, WAJ is responsible for the public water supply and wastewater services, as well as for the overall water resources planning and monitoring, while JVA is responsible for management and protection of water and land resources, including their supporting infrastructure

Ministry of Health (MoH)

The Ministry of Health undertakes all health affairs in the Kingdom, and its tasks and duties include: maintaining public health by offering preventive treatment and health control services; organizing and supervising health services offered by the public and private sectors; providing health insurance for the public within available means; establishing and

controlling the management of health educational and training institutes and centers according to relevant provisions of the legislations enacted; and working, in coordination with concerned parties, to raise public health standards.

In terms of this project, the Ministry of Health will have a supervisory and monitoring role through enforcing all applicable legislation to ensure Al Zanbaq's compliance with all relevant aspects and provisions of: the General Health Law, no. 47 for the year 2008 (in particular chapters 8 to 10 and 13). In summary, the ministry's roles will include but not limited to the following:

- Chapter 8, Drinking Water: Monitoring of drinking water quality and its sources to prevent any potential contamination;
- Chapter 9, Chemicals: Monitoring and supervising of chemicals imported into the country, handling methods and chemicals used in industries, through screening chemical types and categorizing them into a list with permitted chemicals and prohibited types depending on the degree of hazard. Chemicals used in industries are to abide by the list of permitted chemicals proposed by the Ministry to ensure public health protection.
- Chapter 10, Health Hazards: Compliance with the Instruction No. (1) For year 2011 for the prevention of occupational hazards related to health hazards resulting from labour housing units' onsite to avoid any health hazards to workers or others such as, dust, odor, and noise and ensure proper disposal of generated wastes and wastewater.
- Chapter 13, Trade and Industries: the Ministry will ensure compliance with the Trade, Industry and Occupational Safety Law No. (16) For the year 1953. This can be done through inspections in order to prevent any potential health or occupational hazards.

Ministry of Municipalities

The Ministry is taking up the supervisory role over the activities of the Municipalities and the Joint Services Councils (JSC) operating in all over the Kingdom with a total of (93) Municipalities and (22) JSCs. The main duties are: to provide the various facilities to the municipalities to enable them to perform their functions and support them in improving the services efficiency; oversee, coach and monitor the financial, administrative and organizational performance of the municipalities; enhance the institutional capabilities of the sector; manage the financial transactions and arrange with the relevant parties to provide the necessary funding for the programs and projects; set, develop and implement the legislative, administrative, financial and institutional framework that are effective for the Municipal operations; prepare the regional, organizational and detailed construction plans for the municipalities; monitor and control the implementation of the regulations, policies and instructions of the municipalities and joint services councils and draw up the regulatory bills of the municipal affairs sector and review and supervise the infrastructure projects of the municipal councils and develop the designs, technical specifications and tender documents in addition to sustaining and developing the inhabited clusters that have no municipal councils.

Ministry of Public Works and Housing

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing aims to develop a network of public roads in the kingdom, linking towns, villages and communities and sites of industrial production, agricultural and tourist areas and archaeological sites; and to link the Kingdom and neighboring countries and sustain this network and keep it in a good technical level.

The Ministry is also working on upgrading the quality of the roads and the promotion of safety requirements in addition to keeping abreast of the latest updates and techniques of modern roads and lighting.

Ministry of Transport

The Ministry assumes the following responsibilities under the Transport Law No. (89) / year 2003 and authorizations needed in order to carry out its mission such as: devising the general policy for transport and overseeing its implementation in coordination and cooperation with all related parties; regulating and monitoring the road freight transport sector and its services; issuance of necessary permits for individuals and companies operating in the sector; regulating and monitoring the freight transport by rail sector and its services, as well as issuance of necessary permits for operating in the sector and many other responsibilities.

Jordan Institute for Standards and Meteorology (JISM)

JISM plays a proactive role in protecting the interests, health and safety of citizens and environment and enhancing the competitiveness of Jordanian products in the national, regional and international markets in keeping with the national goals and contributing to achieving them within the defined priorities. JISM prepares, approves, revises, amends and monitors the implementation of standards and technical regulations with regard to all services and products (with the exception of pharmaceutical and food products, medicines, veterinary medicines, serums and vaccines).

The main objectives of JISM are:

1. Adoption of a national system for standardization and metrology based on accepted international practices.
2. Keeping pace with scientific and technical developments in the fields of standards, metrology, conformity assessment and laboratory accreditation.
3. Ensuring the health and safety of the Jordan's citizenry and protection of the environment by making sure that products are in compliance with the technical regulations adopted by the Organization for the purpose.
4. Raising the quality of local products through the adoption of appropriate Jordanian Standards in order to enhance their competitiveness in the local and international markets and thus support the national economy.

Department of Antiquities (DoA)

DoAwas established in 1928 as the official institutional authority mandated by law to be responsible for the protection, conservation and presentation of antiquities.

The two main policies are:

- For the protection of antiquities, conservation measures that do not require physical intervention to the remains are preferred as the first choice where possible.
- For the presentation of antiquities, including research, survey, excavation and site management.

Electrical Regulatory Commission (ERC)

ERC was established based on the Council of Ministers decision issued in 2001. ERC aims mainly to ensure applying the rights of consumers and to resolve any complaint that may occur between the consumer and Electricity companies and encourage investment in this sector in addition to improving the operational efficiency and sale of electric power at reasonable prices.

ERC also works to ensure the provision of safe, secure, reliable and high quality services in all electric sector fields and to ensure the compliance of the activities in the sector with applicable environment protection standards and general public safety conditions enforced in Jordan.

National Electric Power Company (NEPCO)

NEPCO is the official successor to Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) since 1999; NEPCO owns the electric transmission network and is responsible for construction, planning, development, operation, maintenance and management of the control systems, and the electric transmission and interconnection networks. The company also manages to purchase electricity from all available sources and sell them to distribution.

Ministry of Labour (MoL)

MoL has undertaken the responsibility of accomplishing the general objectives of labour and labourers affairs and issues in Jordan. To keep pace with social and economic development, the Labour Law No. (8) and its amendments for the year 1996 was issued and the administrative regulation No. (38) of the year 1994 was established, along with its amendments.

The tasks of the Ministry include:

- Organizing the labour sector, as well as updating labour legislation so as to meet the needs of the labour market in light of the social and economic developments within a framework that maintains the production parties

rights, and contributes in encouraging the foreign investments.

- Contribution to the development of workforces through the Vocational and Technical Training and Educational Council.
- Collaboration in human resources and workforces development projects.
- Organizing the foreign labour in the Jordanian Labour Market.
- Maintain available job opportunities to employ Jordanian Labour.
- Building up labour market databases.
- Consolidating cooperation and partnership with the private sector.
- Consolidating regional and international cooperation and partnership.
- Consolidating partnership and cooperation with corporations concerned with preparing and developing Human Resources.

Development Zones Law;

Transforming the Development Zones vision into a reality, the regulatory framework; manifested in the Development Zones Law No. (2), was passed by the Parliament in early 2008, introducing a legal foundation that facilitates the creation of economic growth within certain zones, and ensures a business-friendly and investment attracting environment.

The law strongly enables and empowers the private sector to lead in the development and management, delegates full power to the Development Zones Commission provides streamlined quality of service and governance, defines a clear land ownership policy, removes all restrictions on foreign capital and offers a comprehensive customs and tax Incentives coupled with transparent implementation practices.

4.3. Principal National Legislation

Laws

- Industry & handicraft law (No. 16, 1953)
- Management of Natural Resources Law (No. 12, 1968)
- Land Acquisition Law (No. 12, 1987)
- Water Authority Law (No. 18, 1988) and its amendments
- The Antiquities Law (No. 21, 1988) and its amendments
- Labour Law (No. 8, 1996) and its amendments
- Civil Defence Law (No. 18, 1999)

- General Electricity Law (No.64, 2002)
- Transportation Law (No. 89, 2003) and its amendments
- The Environment Protection Law (No. 52, 2006)
- Municipalities Law, No. (14) of 2007
- The Free and Development Zones Law (No. 2, 2008)
- Public Health Law (No.47, 2008)
- Traffic Law (No. 49, 2008)
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Law (No. 13, 2012)

Regulations

- Regulations for Protection of Birds and Wildlife and rules covering their hunting (No. 113, 1973)
- Regulation of Protection and Safety from Industrial Tools and Machines and Worksites (No.43, 1998) – Issued by the virtue of the provisions of Paragraph (c) of Article (85) of the Labour Law No. (8) Of 1996 and its amendments.
- Groundwater Control Regulation (No. 85, 2002), Issued pursuant to Articles 6 and 32 of Water Authority Law No. 18 for the year 1988.
- Soil Protection Regulation (No. 25,2005)
- Regulation for the Protection of the Environment from Pollution in Emergency Situations (No. 26, 2005)
- Regulation of Solid Waste Management (No. 27, 2005)
- Air Protection Regulation (No. 28, 2005)
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation (No. 37, 2005)
- Land use planning Regulation (No. 6, 2007)
- The Development Zones Law (No. 2, 2008) (Environmental Protection Regulation still unofficial)

Instructions

- Instructions for the Limitation and Control of Noise for the year 2003.
- Instructions for the Selection of locations for Development Activities for 2007 issued in accordance with paragraph (d) of Article (4) of the Environmental Protection Law no. 52 for 2006. Instructions No. (1) for the year 2011 for the prevention of occupational hazards related to health hazards resulting from labour housing units onsite, issued in accordance to article (49) of the temporary Public health law No. (49) For the year 2008.

Standards

- Standard for lighting levels in work environment (No. 524/1987)

- Standard for heat levels allowed to be exposed to in work environment (No. 525/1987)
- Standard for maximum allowable limits of air pollutants emitted from the stationary sources (No. 1189/1998) Standards for reclaimed domestic wastewater (No. 893/2006)
- Drinking Water (No.286/2008) Standards

The Kingdom of Jordan has signed and ratified (that is, placed into national law) the following international protocols and agreements relevant to this project (dates of entry into force noted in parentheses):

1. International Plant Protection Convention (24/4/1970);
2. Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (17/12/1975);
3. Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (14/3/1979);
4. Amendment to the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (art. XI) (13/4/1987);
5. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (5/5/1992);
6. Convention on Biological Diversity (10/2/1994);
7. Framework Convention on Climate Change (21/3/1994);
8. International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (26/12/1996).

4.4. Specific Relevant Standards and Guidelines

All projects within Jordan depend on the specific project design requirements and applicable agreements with environmental permitting authorities. Specific requirements relating to the following are provided below:

9. Ambient Air Quality.
10. Ambient noise
11. Waste Management

Ambient Air Quality

Ambient air quality limits recommended by the Ambient Air Quality Jordanian Standards (JS No. 1140/2006) and the World Health Organization WHO guidelines are summarized and presented in **Table 6**.

Table 6: Ambient Air Quality Standards

Air Pollutant	JS No. 1140/2006			WHO Guidelines ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
	Average Time	Maximum Allowable Concentration in the Ambient Air	Number of Allowed Exceedences	
Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2)	1 Hour	0.3 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	--
	24 Hour	0.14 mg/kg	Once a year	125 (IT 1) 50 (IT 2)
	1 Year	0.04 mg/kg	--	--
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1 Hour	26 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	--
	8 Hour	9 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	--
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2)	1 Hour	0.21 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	200
	24 Hour	0.08 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	--
	1 Year	0.05 mg/kg	--	40
Total Suspended Particles (TSP)	24 Hour	260 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	3 times within a given month in one year	--
	1 Year	75 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	--	--
PM ₁₀	24 Hour	120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	3 times within a given month in one year	150 (IT 1)
	1 Year	70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	--	70 (IT 1)
PM _{2.5}	24 Hour	65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	3 times within a given month in one year	75 (IT 1)
	1 Year	15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	--	35 (IT 1)
H ₂ S	1 Hour	0.03 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one	--

Air Pollutant	JS No. 1140/2006			WHO Guidelines ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
	Average Time	Maximum Allowable Concentration in the Ambient Air	Number of Allowed Exceedences	
			year	
	24 Hour	0.01 mg/kg	3 times within a given month in one year	--

12. IT: Interim Target of the WHO.

Ambient Noise Limits

Article (4) of the Standards for the prevention and elimination of noise (2003) indicated that all projects and noise producing facilities should comply with International Noise Standards (No. 2204) and related amendments for issues related to measurement of noise and other associated technical issues.

Article (5) of the same standards established a list of activities is prohibited by law. Those relevant to the proposed Project are:

-All construction activities utilizing noise producing plants and equipments (e.g. rigs, mixers and vibrators) must cease between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am, unless a permit is granted by the MoEnv.

-Work activities within light industrial areas with residential dwellings are prohibited to continue between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am (summer) and between 8:00 am and 7:00 am (winter).

Article (6) of the noise standard specifies the maximum allowable noise level (dBA) for specific times and areas. The maximum allowable noise levels applicable to this project are detailed in **Table 7**.

Table 7: Maximum Allowable Noise Limits

Area	Allowable Limits for Noise Levels (dBA)	
	Day	Night
Residential areas within the City	60	50
Commercial areas	65	55
Industrial areas (Heavy Industry)	75	65

Soil and Groundwater Quality

Soil

The Soil Protection Regulation No. 25 for the year 2005 states the requirements to protect soils and prevent its contamination through proper management and monitoring.

Groundwater

The general rules of the Groundwater Control Regulation No (85) of 2002, issued pursuant to Articles 6 and 32 of Water Authority Law No. 18 of 1988 are that “the groundwater is state-owned and subject to its control. It is not permissible to pump out or utilize underground water without obtaining a license issued according to the provisions of the law. The purpose usage and the quantities of pumped-out water and any other conditions should be identified in the license”. Owning land does not include water ownership that is stored underground. The license is required for drilling wells; in addition, supervision from the authority is required, plus a pumping test before utilization.

“Anyone who is granted a license to extract groundwater shall be committed not to cause water pollution or depletion and to strictly comply with the conditions of the license”.

The regulation also covers licensing rules and fees as well as water prices, pollution control, and requirements from private well owners.

Waste Management

Solid Waste Management

Regulation of Solid Waste Management No. 27 for the year 2005:

The objective of the Regulation is to ensure the management of solid waste in a way that maintains environment protection and public health.

It lists details, responsibilities and tasks to be undertaken including observing and collecting operations, transportation of wastes, permitting, supervising, scheduling, archiving and outlining the responsibilities and tasks for the Ministry of Municipalities. In addition, it sets the duties to be fulfilled by the Ministry in cooperation with the related bodies. These duties include picking up the waste, defining stipulations of storage, collecting, sorting, recycling, treating, and training and awareness programs, in addition to dealing with compliance, offences, punishments and fines.

5. BASELINE CONDITIONS

Following is an overview of the findings of the data collection and literature review work. A listing of the data obtained and reports reviewed is presented in the section below, and the overview of the physical, biological, socio-economic and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) baseline conditions is described below:

5.1. Data Sources and Literature Reviews

All available information sources have been reviewed and relevant information extracted, analyzed and presented in the context of this study. A detailed references list of reports and documents reviewed for information is presented in **Section 12– References** of this report. A literature review has been conducted in order to summarize the most up to date data needed for preparation of the project description, the environmental baseline as well as documents of a more technical nature to better understand the potential impacts and to propose mitigation measures of the project's activities.

Information has been collected from various sources, to the extent possible. Some sources include relevant government institutions such as DoS, Jordan Meteorological Department (JMD), MEMR and MWI.

Some of the major topics reviewed as part of the Literature Review included:

- Hydrological, Hydro-geological and Water Resources Studies,
- Ecological Studies and Reports on the Flora and Fauna,
- Archaeology ,
- Geology of the Area, and
- Meteorological Data.

5.2. Physical Environment

5.2.1. Meteorology and Climate

Jordan's climate varies from Mediterranean in the west, to desert in the east and south, but the land is generally arid. The proximity of the Mediterranean Sea is the major influence on Jordan's climate, although continental air masses and elevation also modify it. The prevailing winds throughout the country are westerly to north-westerly, but spells of hot, dry, dusty winds blowing from the southeast off the Arabian Peninsula frequently occur providing the country with its most uncomfortable weather (especially during the khamasin period April-May).

The country's climate is a result of both its geographical location in the Eastern Mediterranean region and its relief, which ranges from 416 m below sea level at the Dead Sea shoreline to 1800 m above sea level in the Southern Highlands (GTZ, Water Resources in Jordan, 2004).

Jordan is vulnerable to the potential impacts of climate change, since ecosystems and water resources are affected by changes in the hydrological cycle (MoE, Environmental Profile of Jordan, 2006).

According to JMD, historical data collected suggests a decreasing trend for annual precipitation, which in turn is expected to impact related ecosystems and available water resources.

A map showing the bioclimatic zones of Jordan is presented in **Figure 6**. The Figure indicates that the project area belongs to the Arid Mediterranean cool Zone.

Moreover, Two weather stations are located within Ma'an governorate, The first weather station is located at Ma'an city with about 5.6 Km to the Project location as shown in Figure 8 below; below details clarify the location for the Ma'an Weather Station:

Elevation	1069 m
Latitude	30°10'0.00"
Longitude	35°45'0.00"

However, the second weather station is located within the Industrial park, the station measure the solar radiation, temperature, wind speed and wind direction, and humidity.

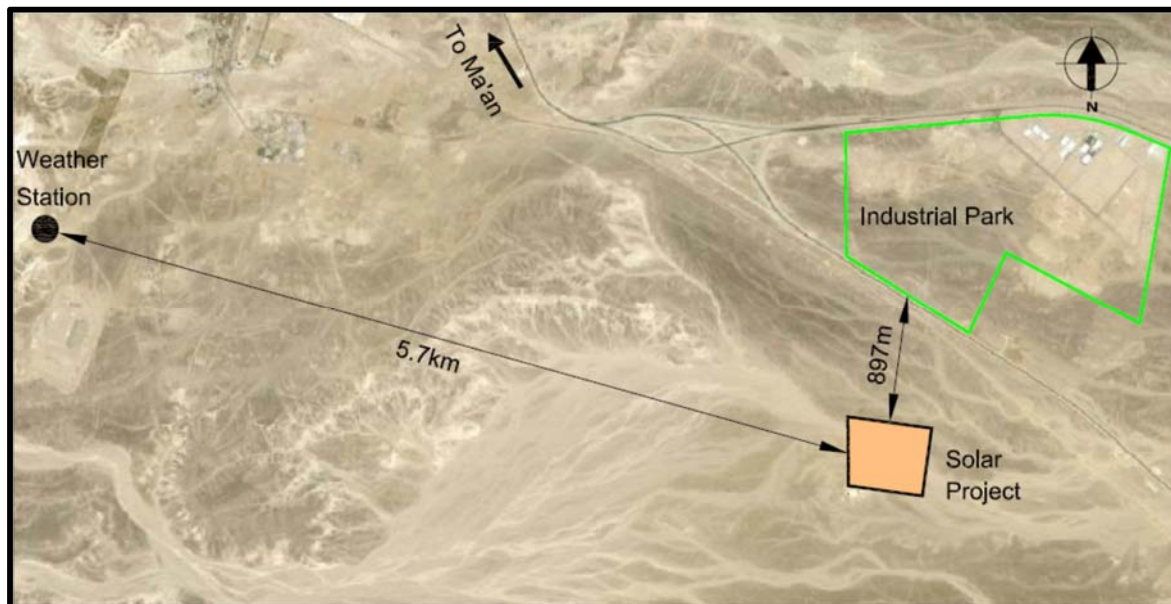
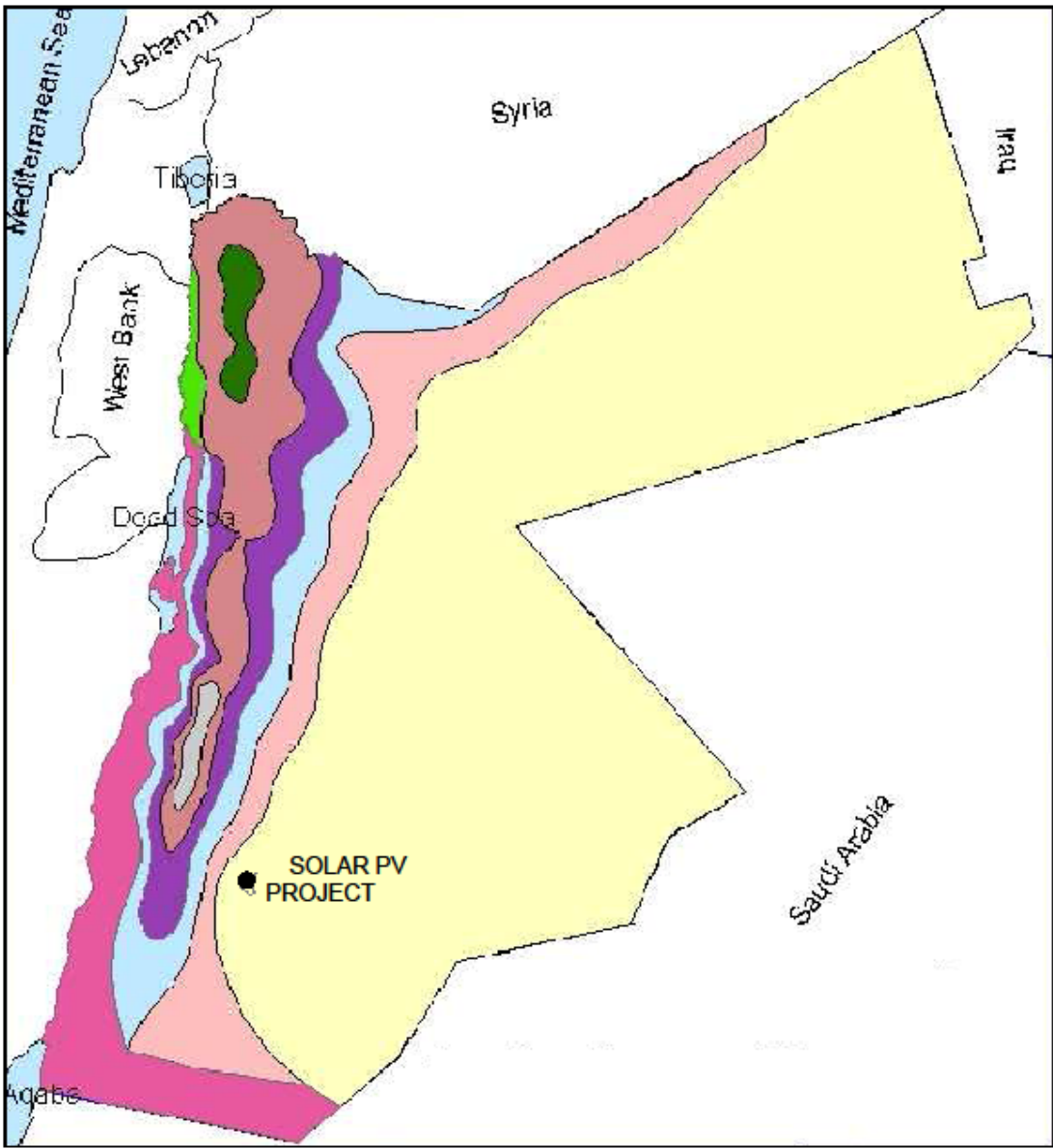


Figure 5: Location of the Weather Station in Relative to the Project Area









Bioclimatic zone	
 Arid Mediterranean, cool	 Saharan Mediterranean, cool
 Arid Mediterranean, warm	 Saharan Mediterranean, warm
 Arid Mediterranean, very warm	 Semi-arid mediterranean, cool
 Saharan Mediterranean, very warm	 Semi-arid mediterranean, warm
	 Sub-humid Mediterranean, warm and cool

Figure 6: Bioclimatic Zones of Jordan

The initial meteorological characteristics from Ma'an weather station have been obtained based on the data averages for the last seven years year (2004- 2013) recorded in the weather station. The raw data provided by JMD. **Table 8** below summarizes the average annual temperature, rainfall, and wind speed readings, over the period of year (2004-2013) as registered in Ma'an weather station.

Table 8: Main Meteorological Parameters for Weather Stations

Parameter	Ma'an Weather Station
Ave. Max Temp (°C)	25.50
Ave. Min Temp (°C)	10.75
Ave. Mean Temp (°C)	18.13
Ave. Annual Rainfall Amount (mm)	30.09
Ave. Mean Humidity (%)	45.14
Ave. Mean Wind speed (Knot)	5.46

All parameters mentioned above are calculated based on data for ten years period (2004 - 2013); the following Figures represent part of monthly averages records.

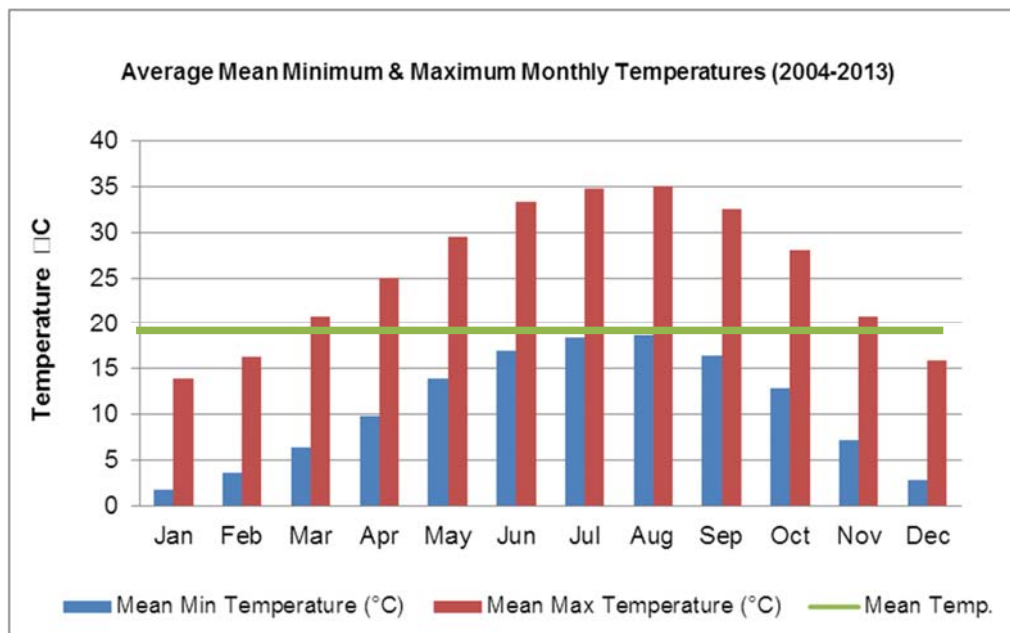


Figure 7: The Average Mean Minimum and Maximum Monthly Temperature for the Period (2004-2013)

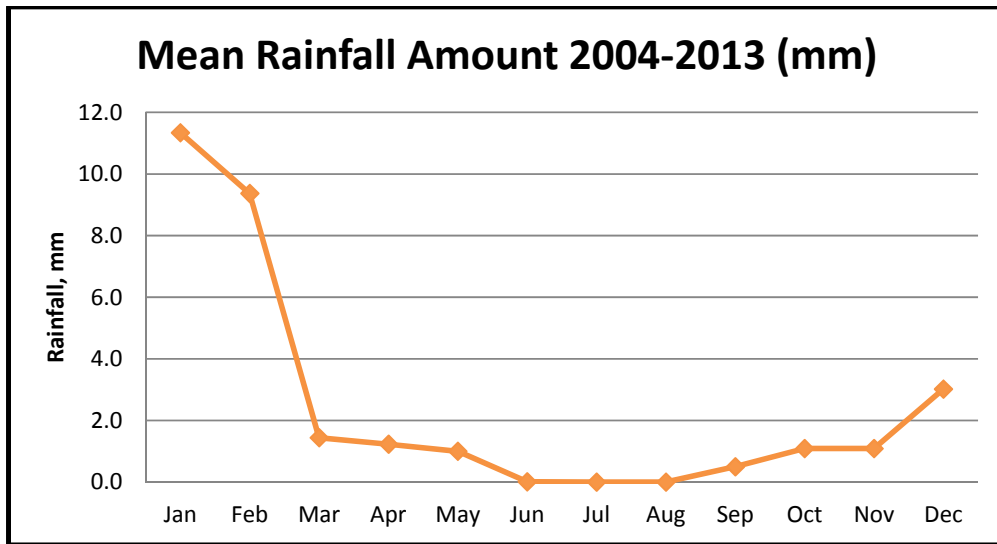


Figure 8: The Mean Rainfall Amount for the Period (2004-2013)

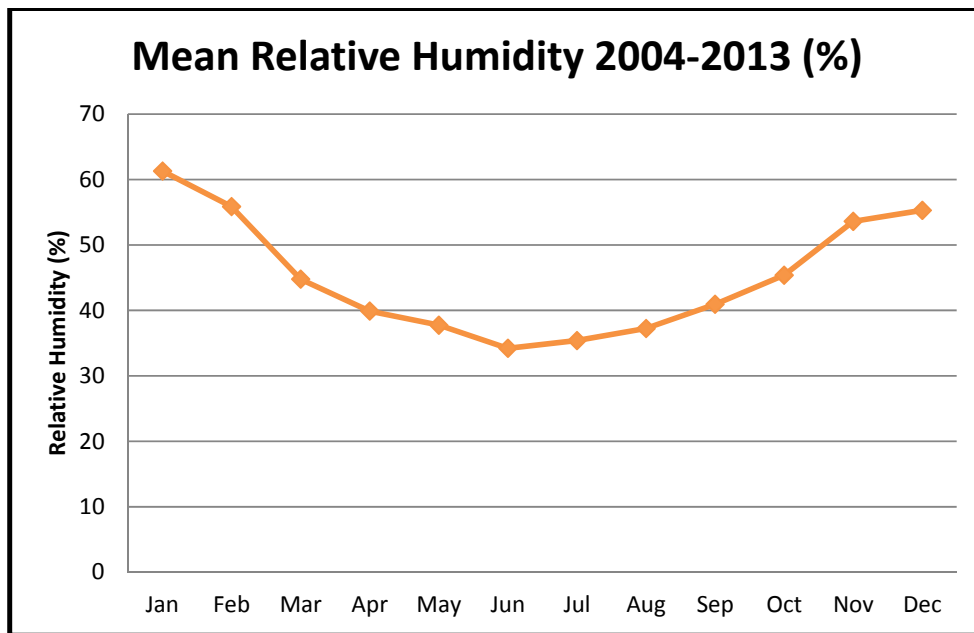


Figure 9: The Mean Relative Humidity for the years 2004-2013

The yearly average wind velocity in Ma'an is 3.31 meter per second. Comparison of the annual average wind velocity in selected locations in Jordan is provided in **Figure 10**(MDA, Rapid Environmental Assessment, 2010).

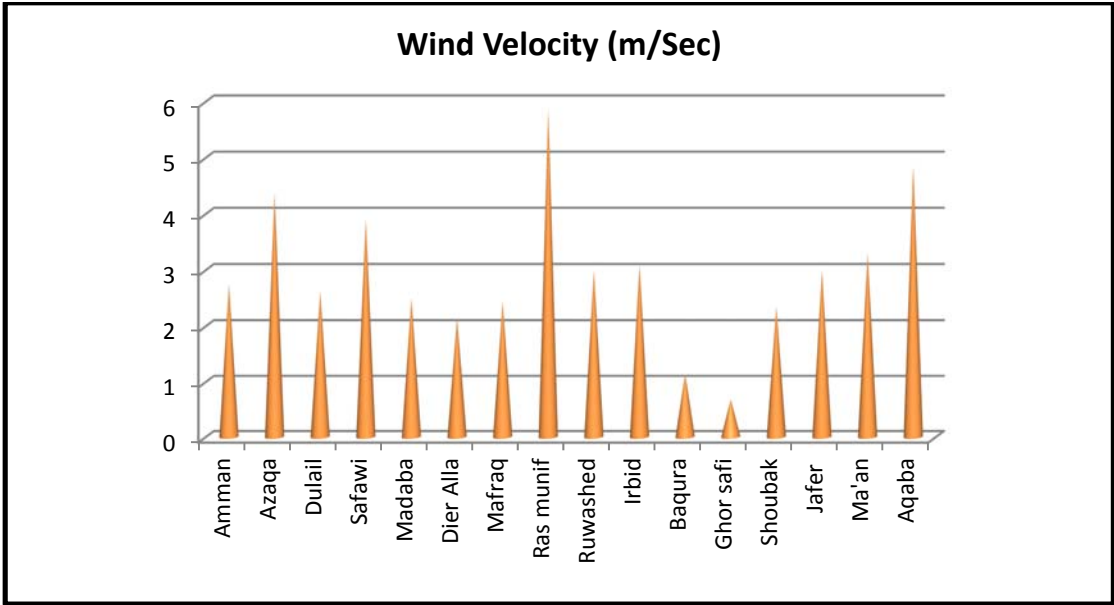


Figure 10: Average Wind Speed in Selected Locations in Jordan

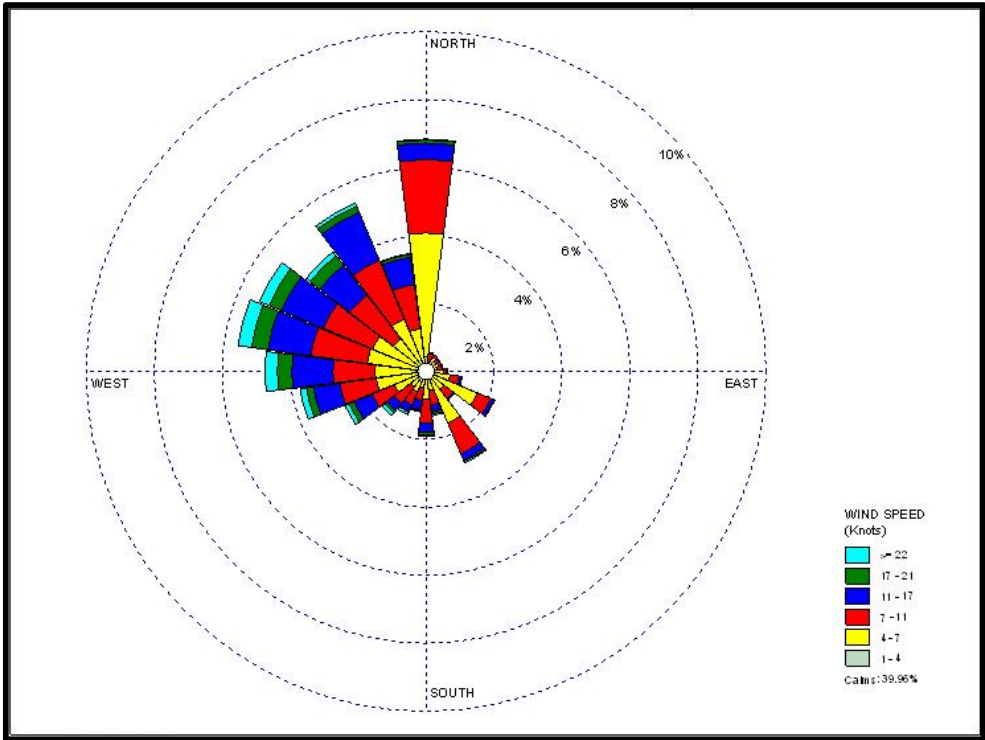


Figure 11: Windspeed and direction in Ma'an weather station for the Year (2004-2010)

The solar irradiance has been obtained by the industrial park weather station, the monthly averages of daily solar irradiance sums from the October 2010 until September 2014 are presented in the following **Figures** where the yearly average of direct solar irradiance daily sum (DN) is 7.40 kWh/m²per day:

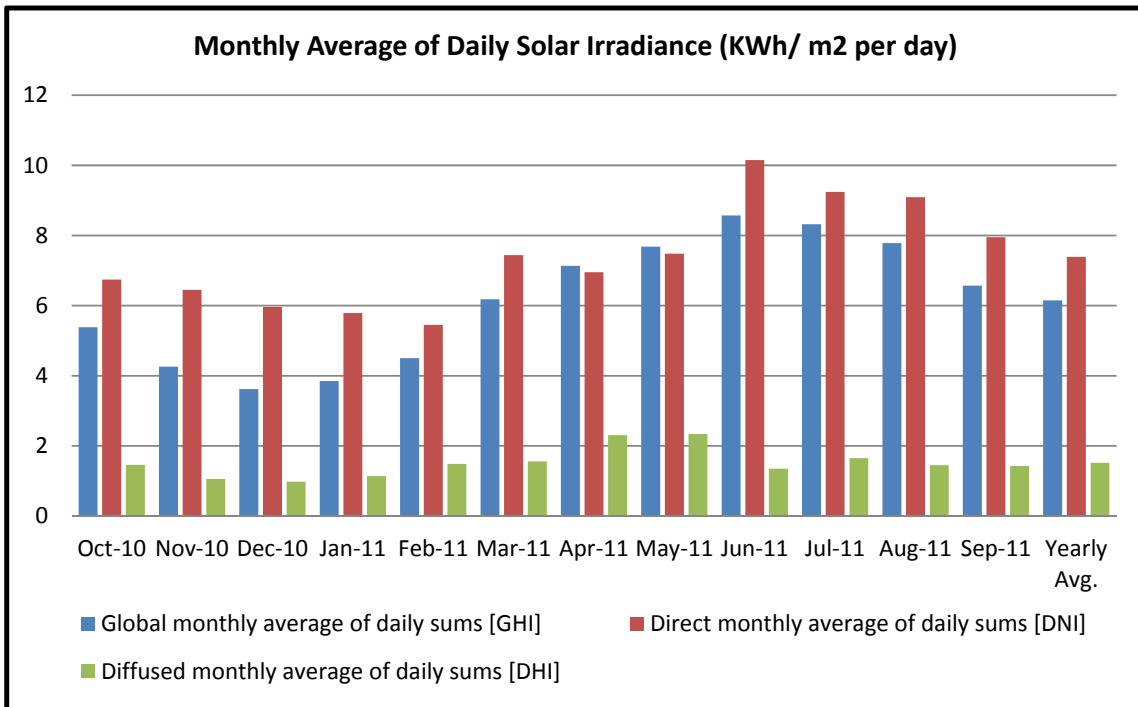


Figure 12: Monthly Average (December) of Daily Solar Irradiance Sums (kWh/m² perday)

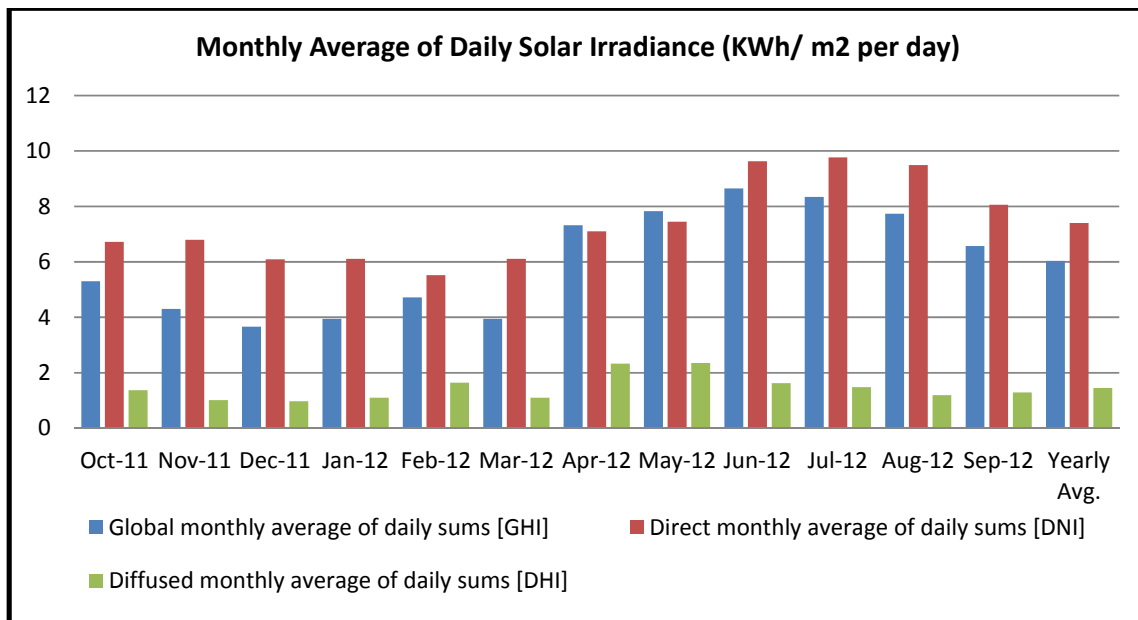


Figure 12: Monthly Average (December) of Daily Solar Irradiance Sums (kWh/m² perday)

5.2.2. Air Quality

The main aim of the baseline assessment of air quality is to determine whether there will be potential changes of specific parameters and pollutants adversely affecting ambient air quality. The anticipated emissions resulting from project activities will be limited to those resulting from the construction machineries and or vehicles during construction phase. Those emissions will be mainly to CO, CO₂ and PM₁₀, and they are likely to disperse rapidly leaving no noticeable change to the ambient air quality within the project area. Meanwhile, the weather conditions are impacted and increase the concentration of the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} then in order to monitor the PM concentration within the project area

The air pollution concentration vary spatially and temporally causing the air pollution pattern to change with different locations and time due to changes in meteorological and topographical condition. Air pollutants can be natural or may be the result of various anthropogenic activities like industrial, vehicles and waste emissions.

Furthermore, Aqaba International Laboratories - Ben Hayyan has also conducted provided measurements for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} parameters during the period between (9/6/2014 - 15/11/2014) -24 hours one week at the project site as shown in the below Figure.



Location : MDA zone Station	
Coordinates 36 R 0771283	N 30 10. 359
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Figure 13: The location of the Mobile Monitoring Station.

Daily average, Hourly average and 15- minutes max average ambient air quality sampling and monitoring were carried in order to present an overview of the ambient quality baseline conditions for the site. The monitoring period extended from (Monday, 00:15), 9/6/2014 to (sunday, 24:00), 15/6/2014 (one week).

Objectives:

The general objectives of the air quality monitoring practice are:

- To assess the ambient concentrations of selected air pollutants in the immediate vicinity of the identified project site.
- To determine if the Jordanian Ambient Air Quality Standards (JS 1140/2006) were violated or exceeded at the project site
- To establish ambient air quality baseline data within the project site.
- To ensure that possible adverse impacts are identified and avoided or minimized.

Methodology

The Jordanian standard for the ambient air quality (JS 1140/2006) include strict and clear guidelines and methods that were followed when monitoring for ambient air quality criteria pollutants. The standard include specifications for sitting monitors, use of only equipment that has demonstrated the capability, repeatability, and reliability needed to collect accurate data, and operation of the equipment within established methods. A tremendous amount of effort was expended to ensure that the Jordanian standard is followed. All monitoring and sampling equipment were calibrated immediately before use.

Major Findings:

- No exceedances were recorded to the maximum allowable limits for PM10 that specified in Jordanian standards (1140/2006).
- No exceedances were recorded to the maximum allowable limits for PM2.5 that specified in Jordanian standards (1140/2006).

Table 9 :Maximum Averages of the air monitoring parameters.

Pollutant	Max. 15- Min. Average	Max. Hourly Average	Max. Daily Average	JS Allowable Max.	
				Hourly	Daily
PM10, $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	269.1	208.5	52.9	--	120
PM2.5, $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	56.5	51.8	23.4	--	65

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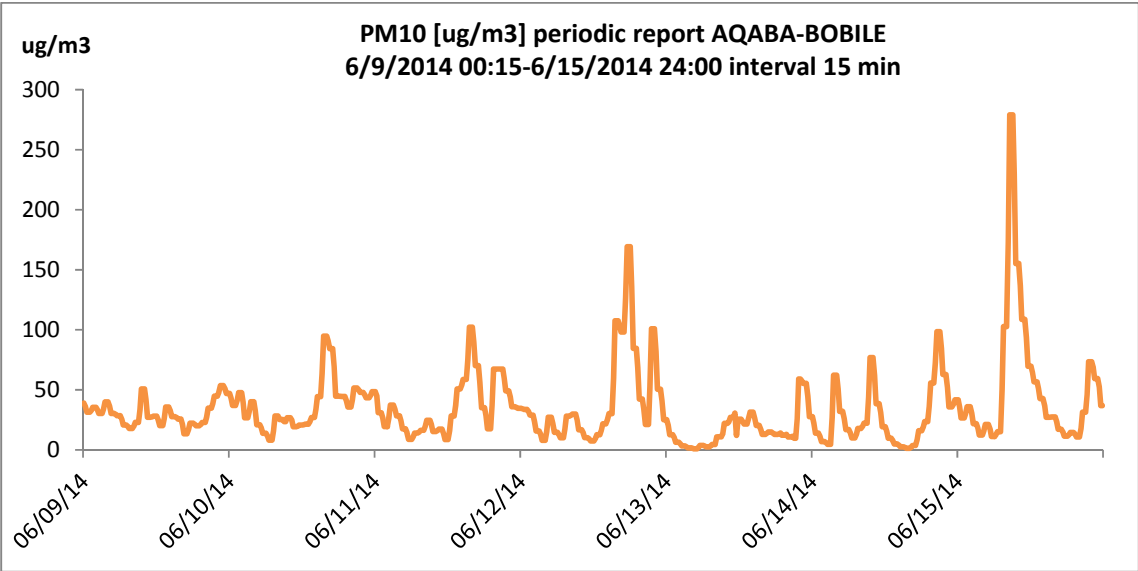


Figure 14:PM10 Concentration- 15 min average at theproject site.

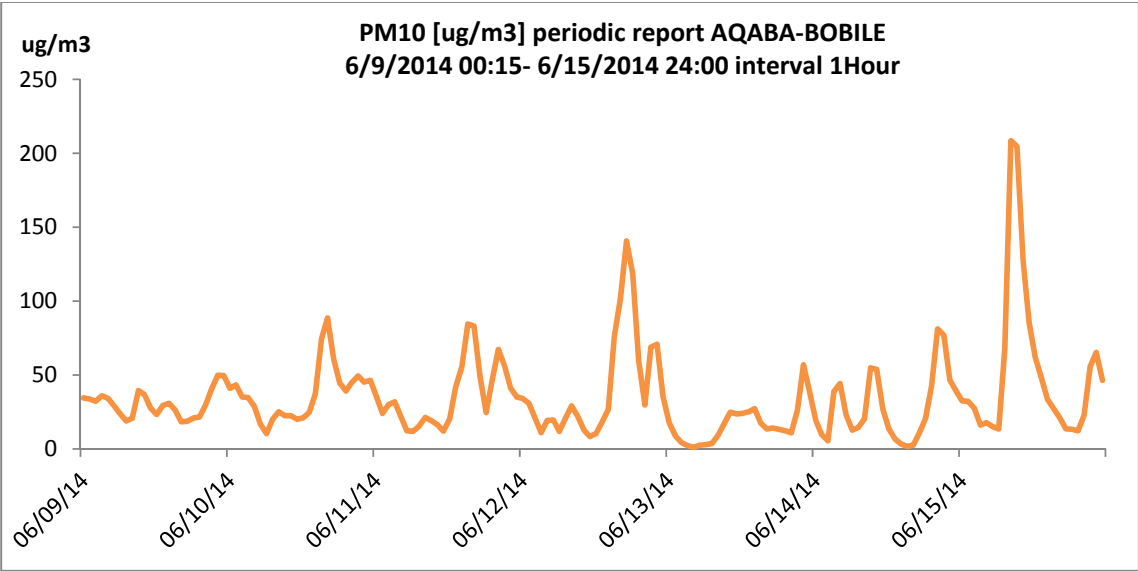


Figure 15:PM10 Concentration- 1 hour at theproject site.

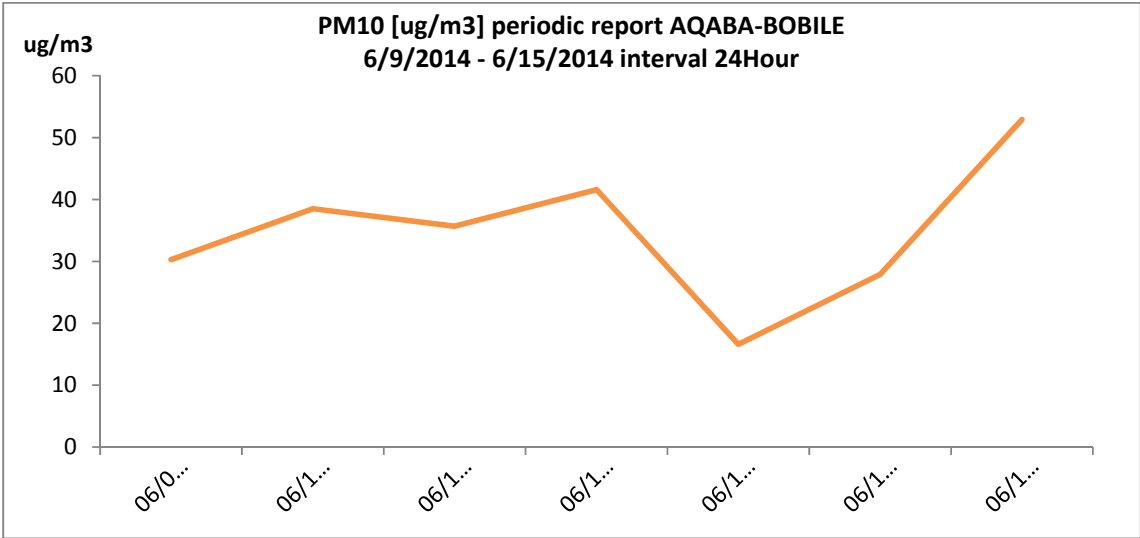


Figure 16:PM10 Concentration- 24 hours at the project site.

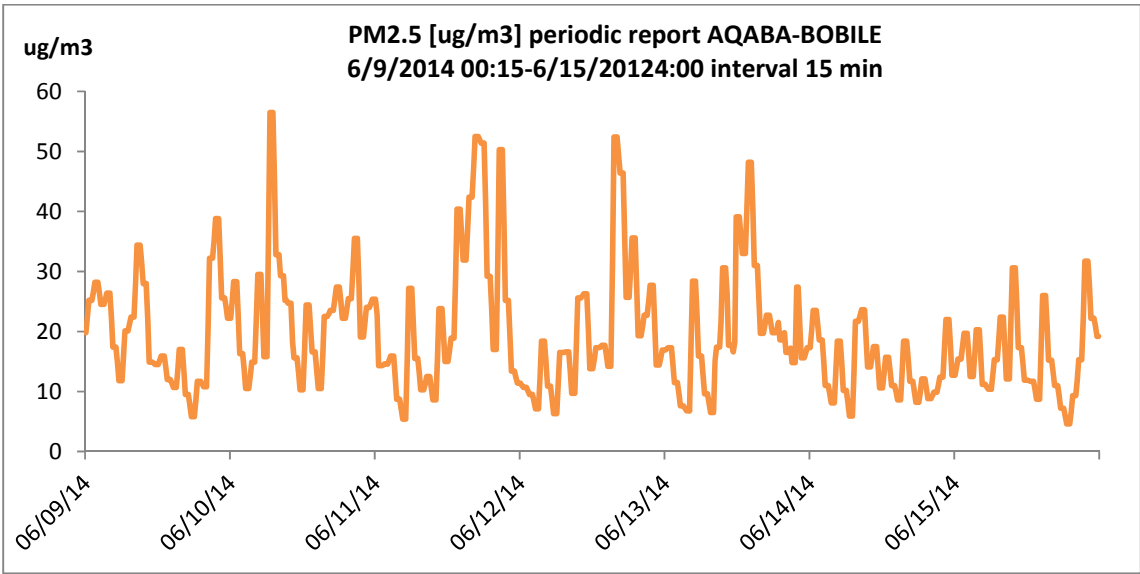


Figure 17:PM 2.5 Concentration- 15 min average at the project site.

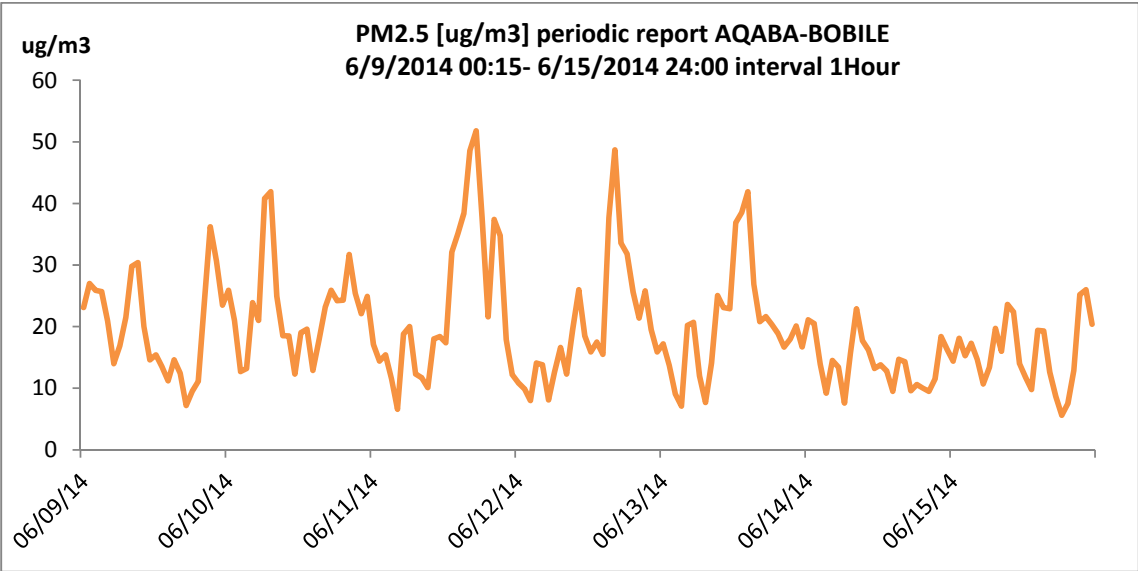


Figure 18:PM 2.5 Concentration- 1 jour at the project site.

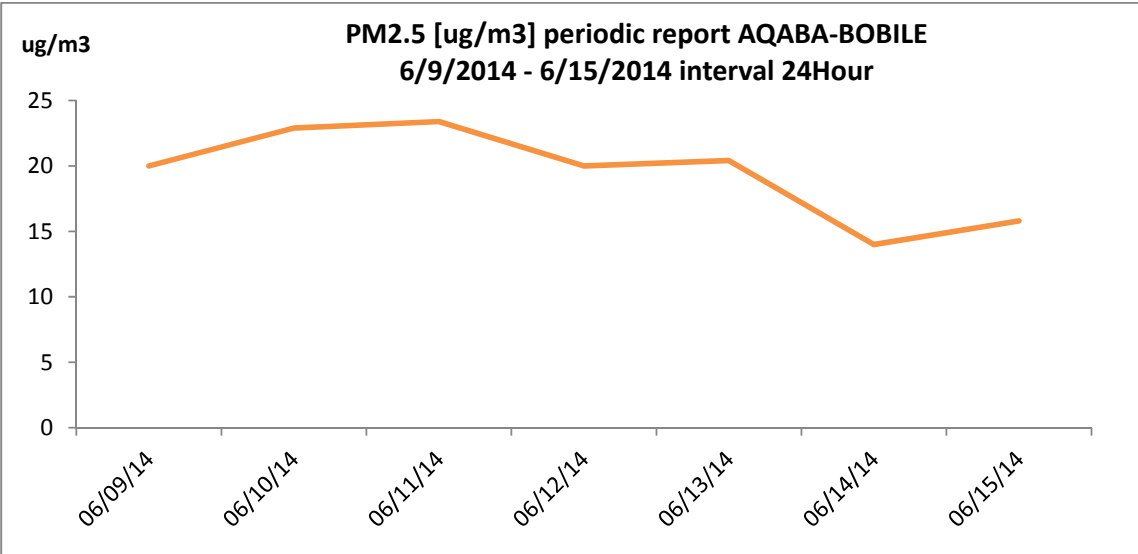


Figure 19:PM 2.5 Concentration- 24 hours at the project site.

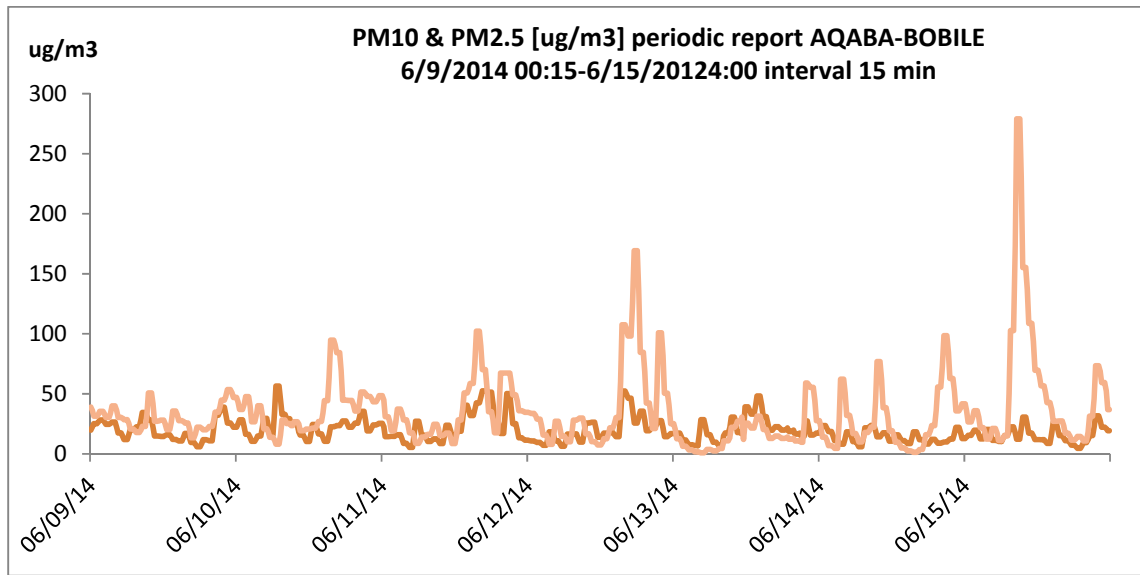


Figure 20:PM 2.5 & Pm 10 Concentration- 15 min Aaverage at the project site.

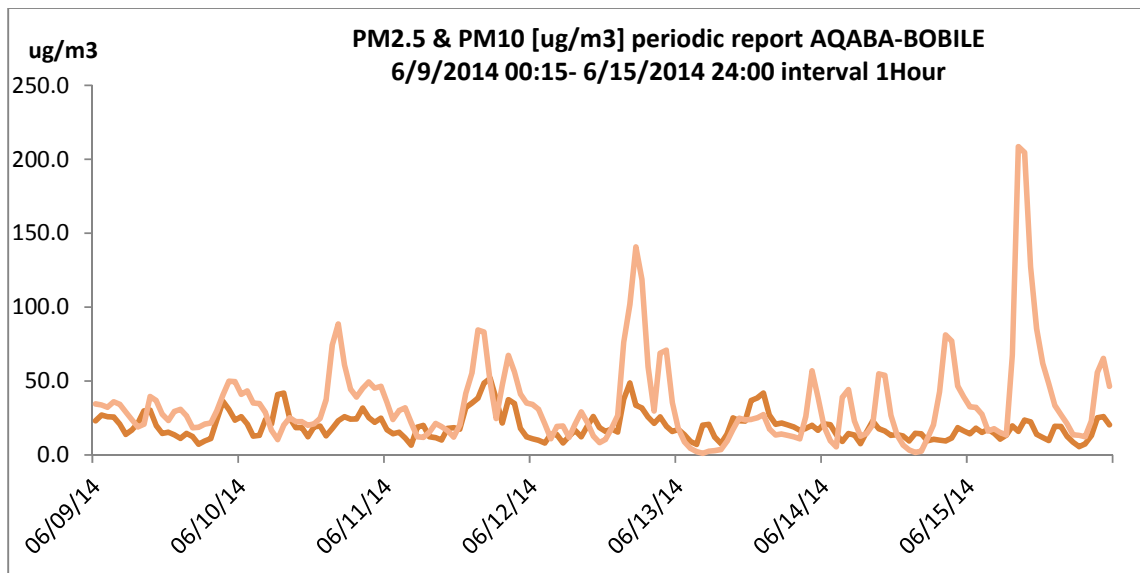


Figure 21:PM 2.5 & Pm 10 Concentration- 1 hour at the project site.

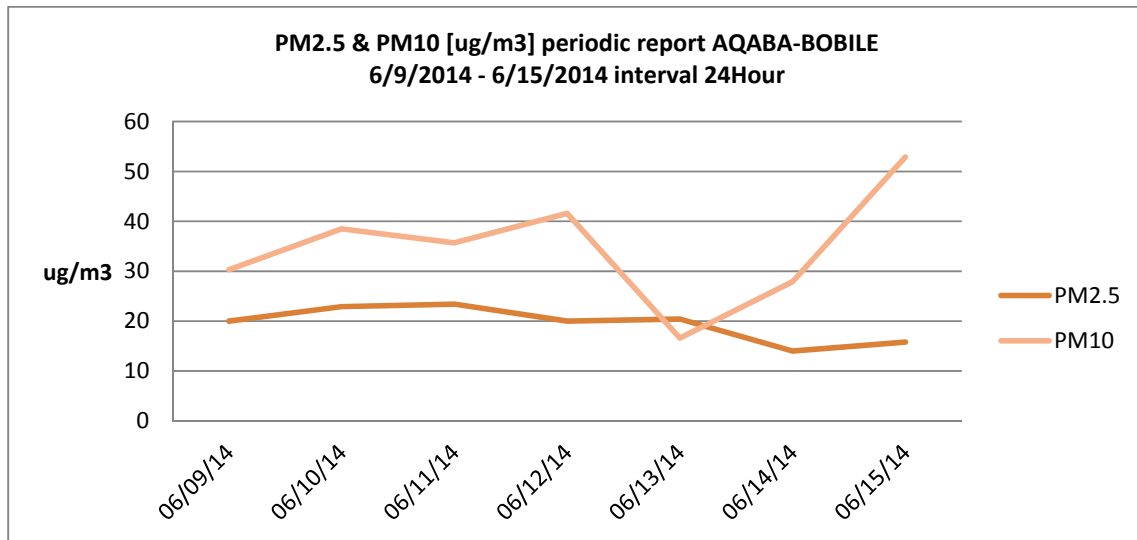


Figure 22:PM 2.5 & Pm 10 Concentration- 24 hours at the project site.

5.2.3. Noise Levels

Spot noise monitoring was carried out at proposed construction location for Solar Power Plant Project in order to determine the ambient baseline sound level profile. Monitoring was undertaken using data logging Sound Level Meter Model Extech HD600 (Hand Held Type II noise meter).

The effects of noise pollution on human beings include communication interruption, hearing loss, lack of concentration, and fatigue. (American Industrial Hygiene Association, 1997) and (ILO, 1998).

Methodology:

The noise meter was hand-held and positioned such that the microphone, equipped with a windshield, was pointing opposite to wind direction. The noise meter was set to automatically record a range of noise related parameters over a period less than 10minutes, Values were then calculated for LA_{eq} , LA_{max} , LA_{min} (i.e. the average, maximum and minimum A-weighted Sound Pressure Level of the residual noise in dBA) for the monitoring period.

Allowable limits:

- Allowable noise limits are governed by the Jordanian instructions for elimination of noise for the year 2003, which defines the maximum allowed noise limits for the different land-use types during day time and night time as listed in **Table 10**. These limits are applicable for ambient noise outside workplace, for noise limits within workplace; instructions issued by Ministry of Labour are adopted.
- The project area is categorized as industrial area; therefore the measured noise level will be compared with limits set for Industrial areas.

Table 10: Maximum Allowable Noise Limits

Area	Allowable Limits for Noise Levels (dBA)	
	Day	Night
Residential areas within cities	60	50
Residential areas within suburbs	55	45
Residential areas within villages	50	40
Residential areas with commercial activities, services, light handcrafts, and city centre	65	55
Industrial areas (Heavy Industry)	75	65
Places of education, worship, treatment and hospitals	45	35

Measured Noise Level:

A short-term noise monitoring program was conducted at the project area, which aims at determining the existing noise level at the proposed project site in order to assess the expected impacts of the project activities on the surrounding area during construction and operation phases. One central monitoring location was chosen as illustrated in **Figure 23**.

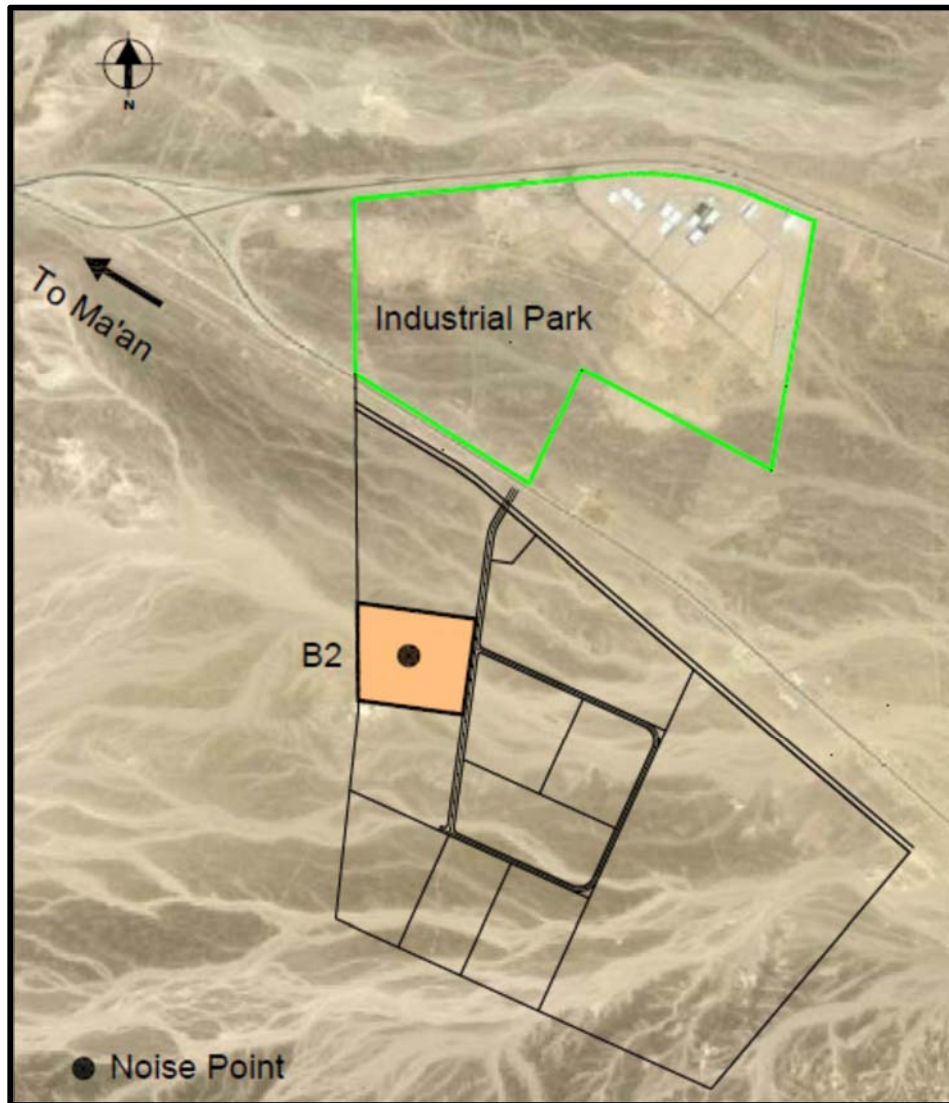


Figure 23: Noise Monitoring Location

The results of noise level monitoring are shown in **Figure 24** below. The measurements were carried out during day time. As can be seen from these data, LAavg is within the allowed limits, while maximum levels are not exceeding the standards. Any additional noise generated from the Project construction activities needs to be taken into account and appropriate mitigation of adverse health impacts applied, such as wearing protective ear muffs or plugs by workers during construction and operation. These will be discussed in further detail in the impact assessment and mitigation section.

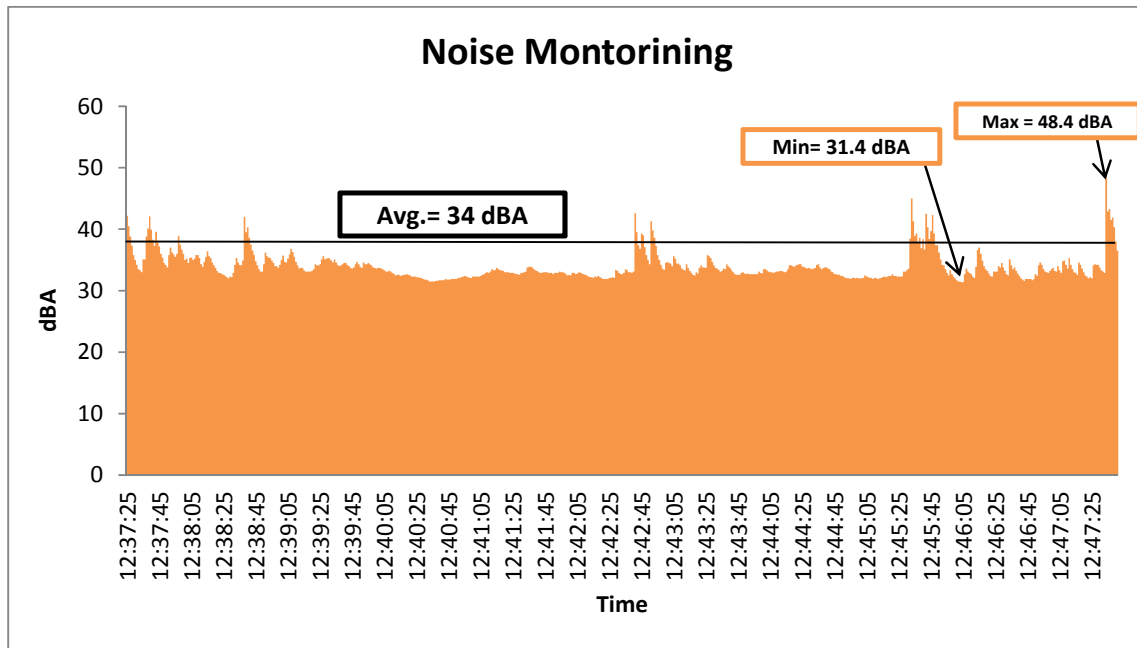


Figure 24: Results of Noise Monitoring

5.2.4. Topography and Geology

Topography

The project is located as mentioned previously in MDA, the MDA lies around Ma'an City, which is located in a fairly flat area of Jordan, although mountainous terrain is visible and contribute to the local drainage regime. A Shallow wadi intersects the southernmost section of the Industrial park (MDA, Rapid Environmental Assessment, 2010)



Figure 25: The landscape of the MDA and the project area

The wadis crossing the MDA area, as shown in the below **Figure 26** more details about the wadies and catchment area is explain in impact assessment section

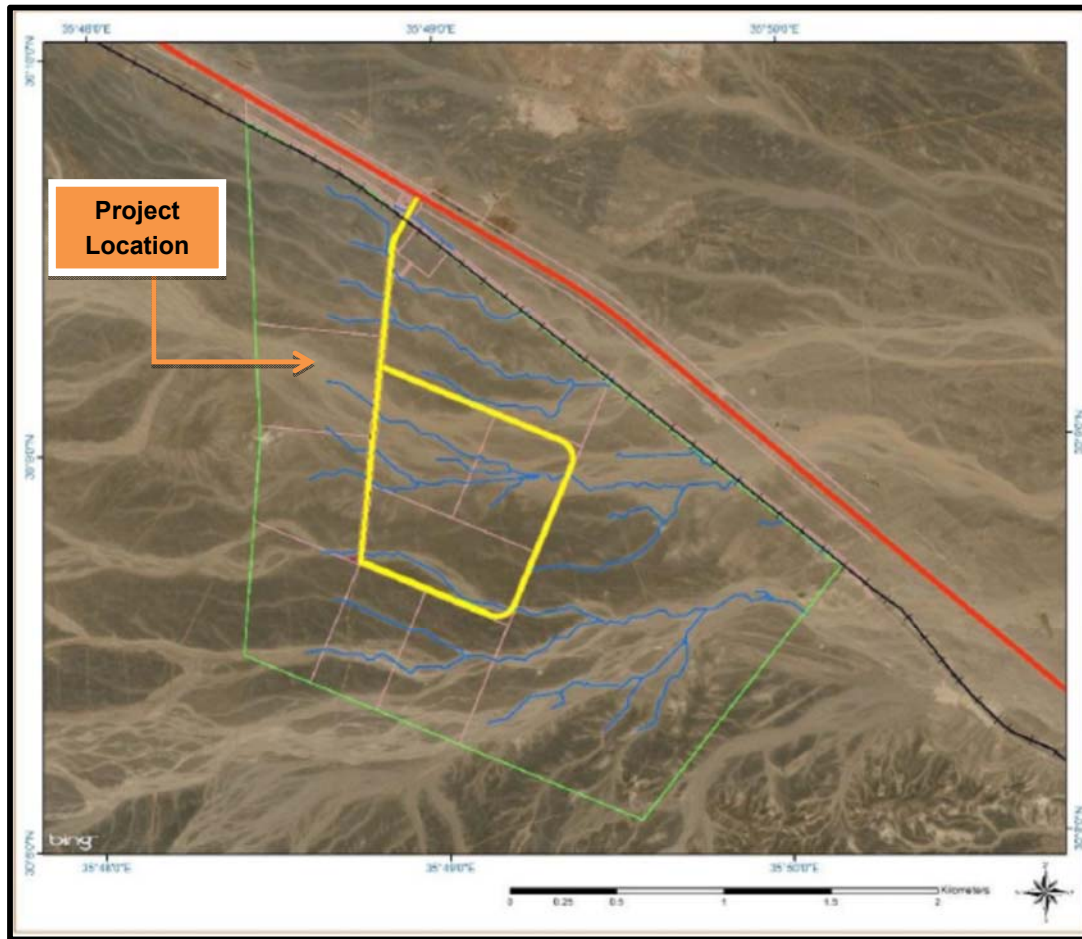


Figure 26: Satellite image for the project location

The Ma`an city elevation is generally between 1005 – 1025 meter above sea level, the **Figure 27** displays range of elevation with different colors.

The elevation map of Ma`an, Jordan is generated using elevation data from NASA's 90m resolution SRTM data. The map also provides idea of topography and contour of Ma`an. Ma`an Elevation Map is displayed at different zoom levels (<http://www.floodmap.net/Elevation/ElevationMap>).

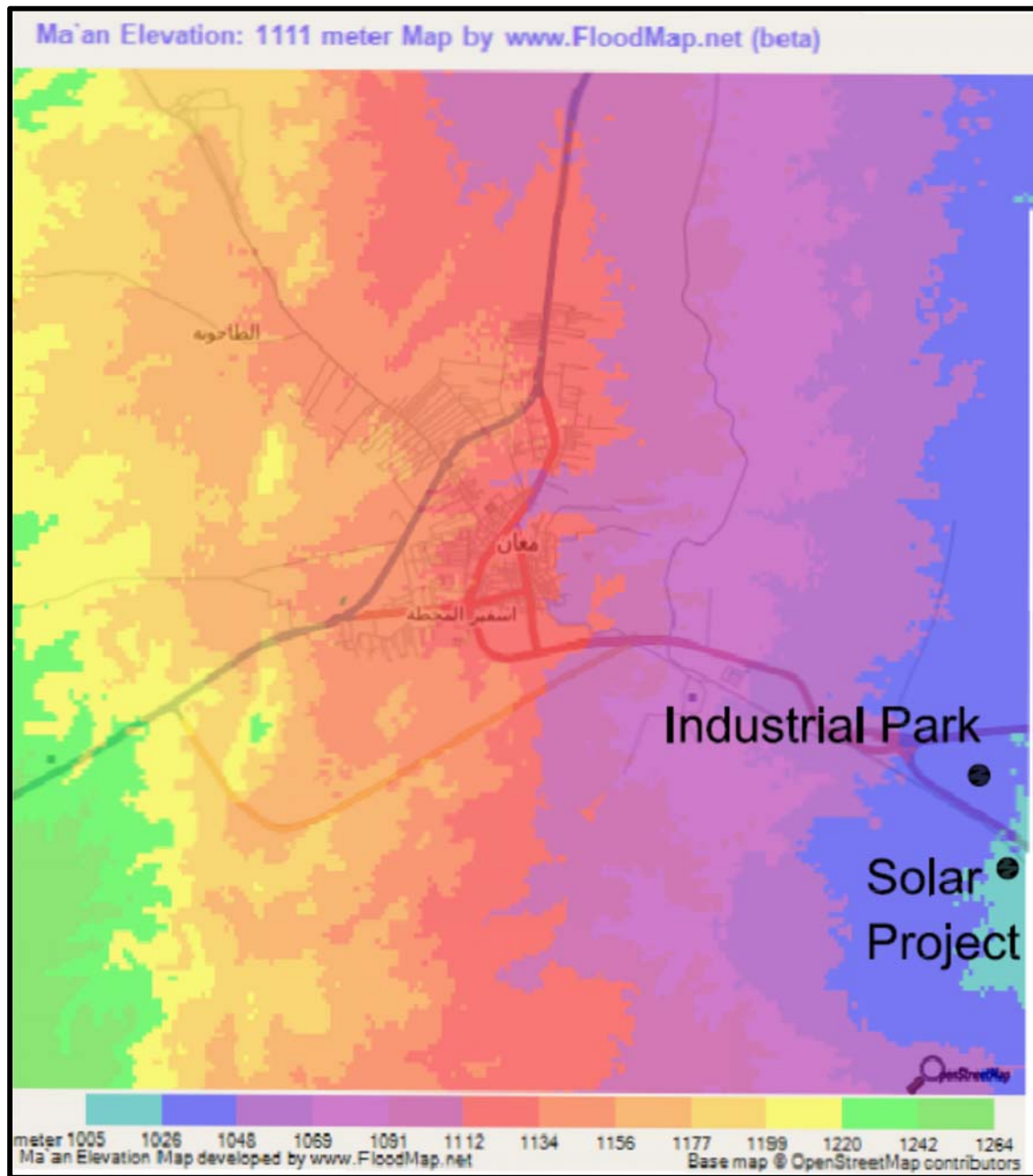


Figure 27: Land scape of the residential community of MDA and the project area

Soil

The project is located in the periphery of the Jafr basin that lies at about 1000 m a.s.l in the north, east and south, reaches 1430 m a.s.l in the southeast near Jebel el Batra. The main soil types include typical ciorthids and camborthids on colluvial and alluvial fans associated with cambicgypsiorthids. Torriorthents are also found in the steeply sloping, stony colluvium of the highly dissected margins of the basin.

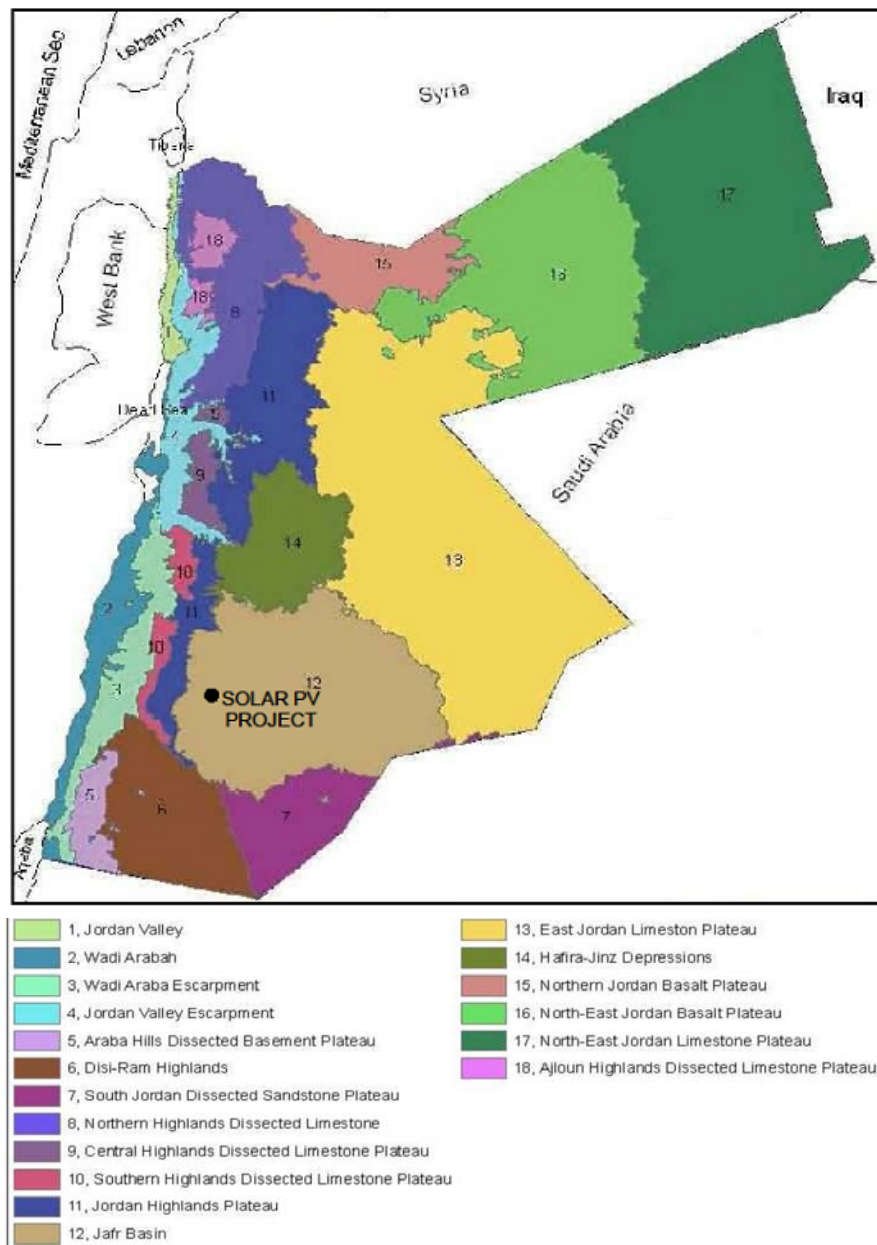


Figure 28: Land Regions and Soils of Jordan

5.2.5. The MDA conducted a geotechnical investigation (November, 2013) for the all area as a requirement of the area development, the test pits are spread over the area with total number five test pits as the following **Figure 29**, the project area plot B2 is located between TP1 and TP2.

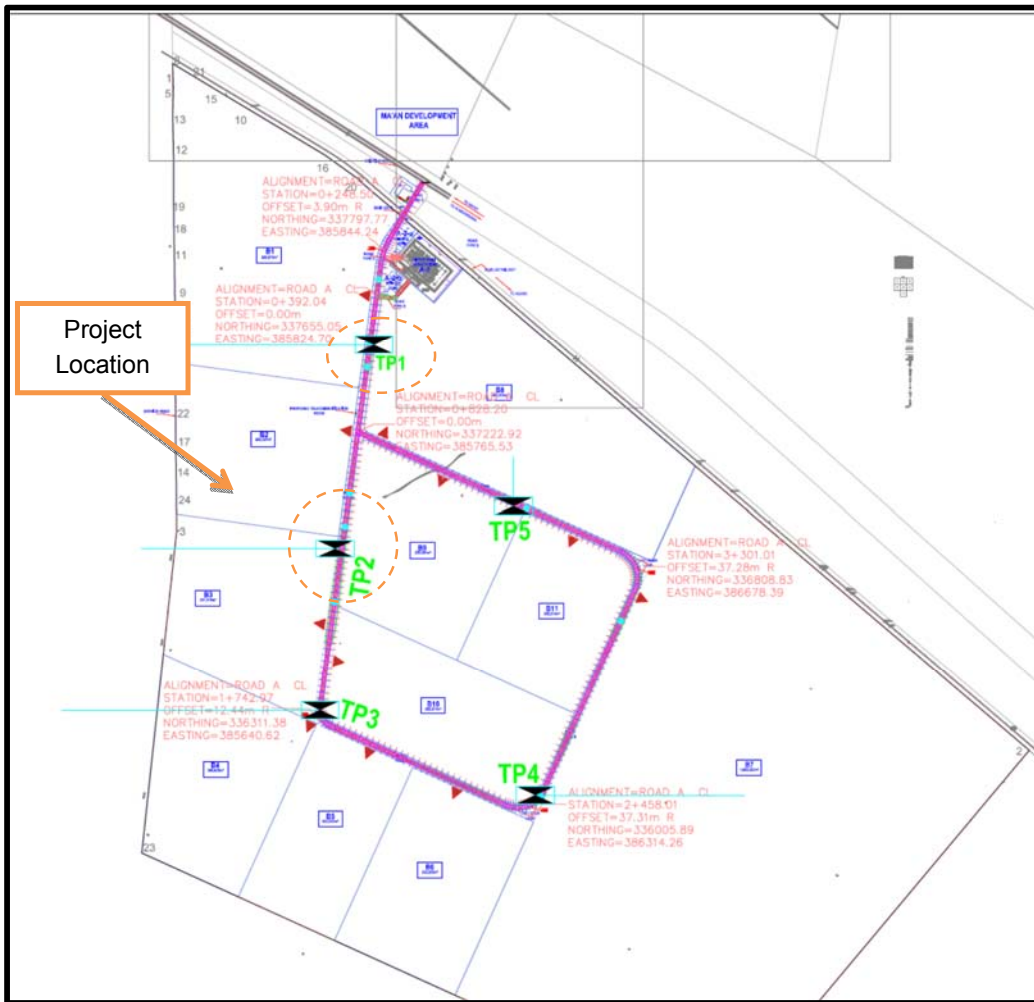


Figure 29 :Test Pits location within MDA .

The test pit TP1 locates northsouthern to the project plot with depth about 1.0 meters (detailed in **Figure 30**) and the test pit TP2 locates eastsouthern to the project plot with depth about 1.5 meters (detailed in **Figure 31**), the pit excavation was carried by manual techniquessupervised by geotechnical engineers in accordance with local codes, ASTM 2488and BS 5930.

The engineering analysis for the geotechnical investigation classified the soil as gravel and cobbles of limestone and with brown silty clay, the following figure describe the test pit.

Furthermore, the soil and rock materials encountered at the site are suitable to be used for different backfilling purposes except sandy silty clay material. However, testing must be

carried out after excavation in order to check if these materials are confirming with the MPWH specifications. However the excavated materials may need crushing of the oversize cobbles and screening to comply with MPWH specification.

TEST PIT								
Test Pit No. : 1					Date : 8/10/2013			
Project : Solar Collector Project					Elevation : —			
Location : Ma'an - Jordan					Coordinates E : 385817			
Excavation Method : By Labor					N : 337499			
Water level : Not Encountered					Total Depth : 1.0 m			
Depth	Elevation	Description	Symbol	USC	LL %	PI %	W %	MDD gm/cm ³
				AASHTO				
0		Ground Surface						
0.5		<p>Sandy Silty Clay Brown, dense, poorly cemented sandy silty clay with gravel and cobble of limestone and chert</p>						
1		<p>Marl Pale yellow, very weak marl with fragments of chert ** Large fragments of chert</p>						
1.5		End of Test Pit						
2								

Figure 30 : TP1-Soil test pit within the project area.

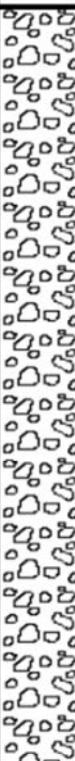
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Test Pit No. : 2					Date : 8/10/2013			
Project : Sollar Collector Project					Elevation : ---			
Location : Ma'an - Jordan					Coordinates E : 385695 N : 336856			
Excavation Method : By Labor					Total Depth : 1.5 m			
Water level : Not Encountered								
Depth	Elevation	Description	Symbol	USC	LL %	PI %	W %	MDD gm/cm3
				AASHTO				
0		Ground Surface						
0.5		<p>Gravel and Cobbles Rounded to subrounded gravel and cobbles of limestone and chert with brown silty clay</p> <p>* Increased with depth</p>						
1								
1.5		**Bottom of Test Pit : Boulders of chert						
		End of Test Pit						
2								

Figure 31 :TP-2 Soil test pit within the project area.

Geology

Jordan occupies the north-west part of the Arabian plate where most of the country is located within the stable shelf part of the plate (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA, 2006). The geology in Jordan includes basalt, sandstone, limestone, chalk, marl and chert and various other Pleistocene and Holocene deposits of alluvial and Aeolian deposits.

The oldest rocks in Jordan are Precambrian in age and crop out around Aqaba and WadiArabah. Magnificent outcrops of the Palaeozoic sandstone in southern Jordan are present along the eastern shoulder of WadiArabah until the north-east tip of the Dead Sea.

The geologic map presented in **Figure 31** below shows the differing geologic features, landforms and hydrologic conditions from one part of the country to another.

The detailed legend of the geologic map is also shown in Figure 15 explaining the rock units, their age, lithology and water bearing properties.

According to **Figure 32** and **Figure 33**, the project site belongs to the Balqa group within the B4 and B3 formations (Umm Rijam and Muwaqqar formations), which fall within the palaeocene and upper cretaceous systems. In terms of sedimentary rocks these formations consist of chalk, chert, limestone and marl, the B3 formation is sometimes bituminous. Limestone and chert layers are prolific aquifers in much of Jordan. Well yields are highly variable and are controlled largely by cavernous zones in the limestone that are affected by the geologic structure. Flowing wells are common in areas of low elevation (U.S Geological Survey, 1998).

Meanwhile, The geotechnical investigation classified the project area geological formation as a part of the Alluvium formation and Muwaqqar formation, the description of these formations is below:

1. Alluvium Formation: Alluvium deposits which belong to quaternary period is frequently encountered within wadies on lower angle hillsides, in the vicinity of wadies and in low land areas, where drainage is restricted. It is fine to coarse grained soil resulting from controlled deposition of materials in a hydraulic environment.
2. Muwaqqar Formation (B3): The site and surrounding areas are corresponding to Mowaqqar Formation (B3) the upper Cretaceous period. It consists of chalk, marly chalk and marl materials.

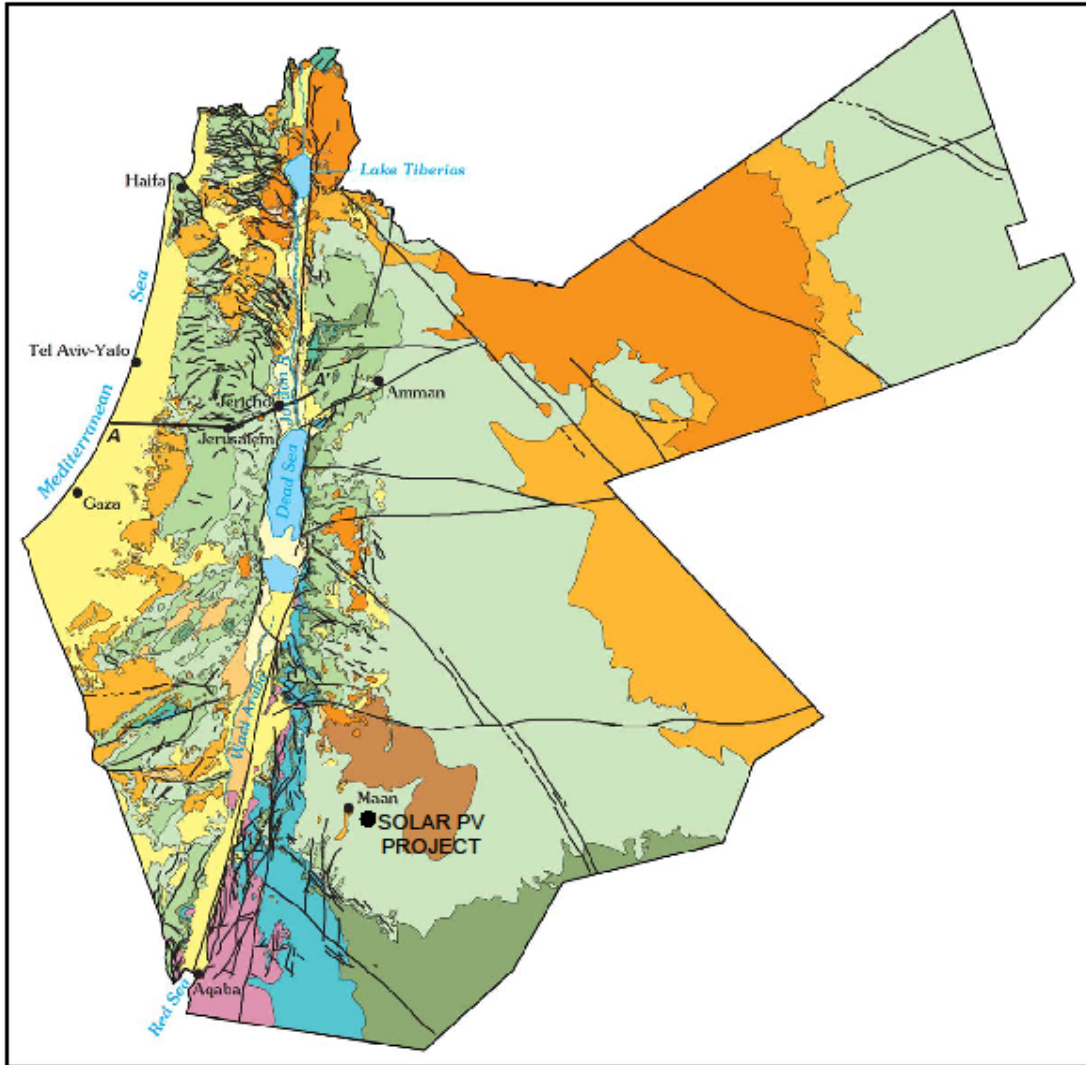


Figure 32: The Geology of Jordan

System/ Series	Stage	West of Jordan River and Wadi Araba		East of Jordan River and Wadi Araba		This report	SEDIMENTARY ROCKS Unit description
		Group	Unit	Group	Unit		
Quaternary	Holocene	Kurkar	Qa	Jordan Valley	Aluvium and Lean Series	This report	Soil, sand, gravel, sandstone, and conglomerate. Comprise prolific aquifer in Coastal Plain Basin. In Jordan Valley Floor Basin, alluvial fan deposits along flanks form aquifers that contain most of the freshwater of the basin.
	Pleistocene		Qd				
Qk							
Pliocene	Ql						
	Qs						
Tertiary	Miocene	Saqiyeh	Qp	Absent	This report	In Jordan Valley Floor Basin, upper part includes marl, clay, and evaporites that inhibit groundwater flow. Lower part consists of water-bearing conglomerate, sand, and gravel.	
			Qs				
	Oligocene		Qs				
			Qp				
Eocene	Advat	Ta	B5	Undifferentiated	This report	Marl, limestone, sandstone, conglomerate. Generally an aquitard; limestone and sandstone layers are water bearing.	
		Paleocene					Ks
Upper	Mount Scopous		B3	A1/A6	This report	Chalk, limestone, chert, marl. Generally aquitard; limestone layers are water bearing.	
		Senonian	Judea				Kj
Turonian	Kc			A1/A6	This report	Limestone, dolomite, marl, shale. Limestone and dolomite layers are prolific aquifers in Eastern and Western Mountain Basins.	
		Cenomanian	Kk				Kurnub
Lower	Albain			Kk	Kurnub	K	
		Aptian	Kurnub				Kk
Jurassic	Arad			Ja	Zarqa	Z	
		Triassic	Remon	Tr			Absent
Paleozoic	Negev and Yam Suf			Pn	R	This report	
		Paleozoic	Negev and Yam Suf	Py			R

System/ Series	Stage	West of Jordan River and Wadi Araba Unit	East of Jordan River and Wadi Araba Unit	This report	IGNEOUS AND META-MORPHIC ROCKS Unit description
Pleistocene					
	Tertiary	Pliocene			
Miocene					
Cretaceous	Upper	Senonian	B3	Absent	This report
		Turonian			
	Lower	Cenomanian			
		Albain	B2		
Jurassic	Triassic	Aptian	B1	This report	Metamorphic rocks, volcanic intrusives. Water occurs in fractures in crystalline bedrock. Generally not utilized as water source.
		Precambrian	pC3		
pC2					
pC1	Absent				

Figure 33: Generalized Geologic Units and Water-Bearing Properties.

5.2.6. Tectonic Setting

The geological structure of Jordan shows the effect of several phases of deformation since the Cambrian period. The crustal movement that affected the country has resulted in gentle, regional tilting, uplift and subsidence and a combination of faulting and folding (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Jordan occupies the northwest part of the Arabian plate where most of the country is located within the stable shelf part of the plate. The late Proterozoic (approximately between 2500 Ma to 542.0 ± 1.0 Ma) was characterized by Arabian Shield cratonization and island arcs accretions with basement sutures indicating east-west compressional forces (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Extensional, rift-related tectonics dominated Jordan during late Precambrian-early Cambrian periods. The North-west / South-east Najd fault system which originated in this period has resulted in the formation of large depressions that were subsequently filled with Paleozoic clastics (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Passive margin conditions with periods of transgressions and regression dominated Jordan during early Paleozoic period, whereas an active tectonic movement of deep erosion has dominated the late Paleozoic period. The most important sediments that were deposited during that period were upper Ordovician glacial clastics and lower Silurian organic-rich shale (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Most of Paleozoic basins in Jordan are compartmentalized by Cretaceous-Tertiary wrench faults related to the late Cretaceous fragmentation of Arabian Plate (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

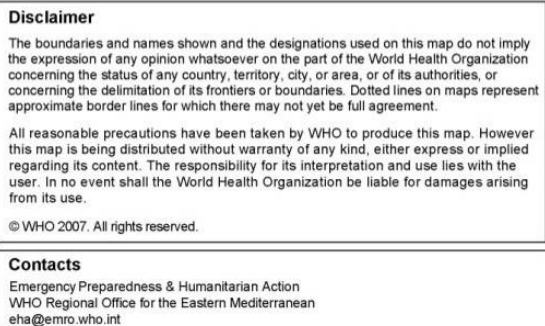
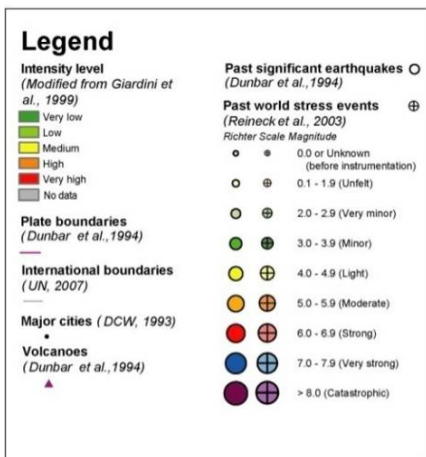
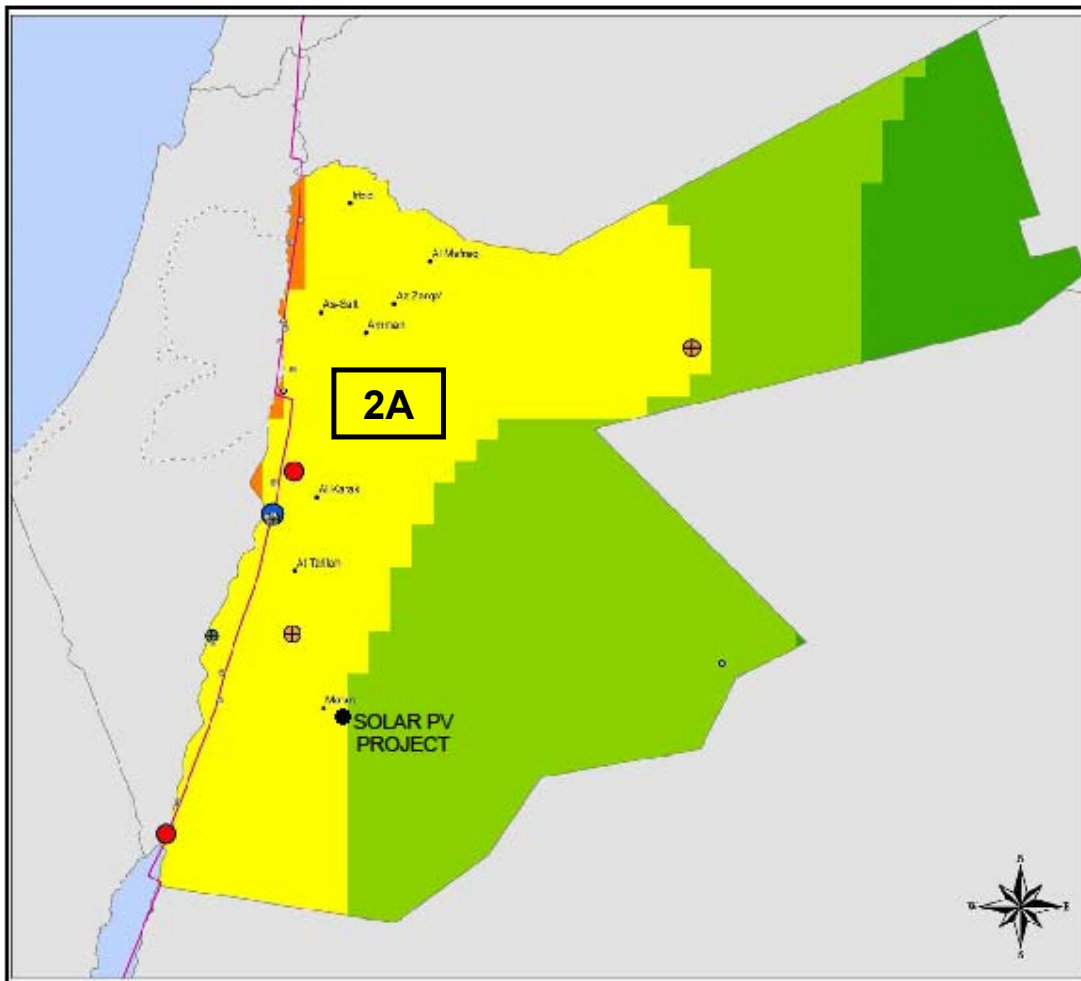
During the Permo-Triassic period, extensional tectonics has rifted Arabia from Turkish-Iranian Gondwana fragments. Although extensional tectonics were a prominent characteristic of Jordan during the late Cretaceous period, the western margin of the Levant was characterized by East-West to West North-West and East South-East compression feature known as Syrian Arc (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Mesozoic-Cenozoic basins in Jordan are dominantly rift-related (Azraq, Safawi and Northern Highlands) (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

A mid-Tertiary tectonic phase has resulted in opening of the Red Sea and has led to the development of Dead Sea-WadiAraba plate boundary that separated the Arabian plate from the African plate, and has sutured the Arabian plate to Eurasia. Consequently, this phase resulted in pull-apart basins of thick sedimentary piles (Petroleum and Oil shale Directorate, NRA-2006).

Overall, the rate of current seismic activity in Jordan, including the project area, is minor with many of the strong seismic events located along the axis of the Dead Sea Rift.

The project site lies within the light magnitude of Richter's scale which is illustrated on the seismic hazard distribution map of Jordan shown in **Figure 34**. Therefore, if an earthquake was induced in that area, it is anticipated that the intensity will fall between the 4.0 to 4.9



Source: World Health Organization (WHO), 2007

Figure 34: Seismic Hazard Distribution Map of Jordan

5.2.7. Water Resources

Jordan is classified as a country with scarce water resources. The available water resources per capita are falling due to population growth and are anticipated to fall from less than 160 m³/cap/year at present to about 90 m³/cap/year by 2025, putting Jordan in the category of absolute water shortage. Due to the limited water resources, the demands and uses of water are exceeding renewable water supply, as a result of major contributing factors, such as the unsustainable use of groundwater through overdraw of highland aquifers which leads to the gradual depletion of groundwater resources (MoE, Environmental Profile of Jordan, 2006).

The water uses in Jordan are divided in four main uses, in the following each use with the percentage of usage from the total affordable quantity of water resources:

- Irrigation , 70%,
- Municipal , 24%
- Industrial, 5%
- Touristic , 1%

In terms of renewable water resources; groundwater, base flow and flood flow are considered conventional resources while treated wastewater, brackish and desalinated water are considered non-conventional resources. Highly variable seasonal rainfall is the main source of water in the Country. Significant amounts of rainfall (i.e. above 200 mm/a) are limited to the highlands in the north-western part presenting the long-term average of annual precipitation. Around 5% of rainwater infiltrates into the ground, thereby replenishing groundwater aquifers. The amount transformed into direct flow is slightly smaller. The largest share of over 90% of annual rainfall is lost to evapo-transpiration.

Besides the indigenous water resources the country's renewable water resources are replenished through regional watercourses and trans-boundary groundwater flow. (GTZ, NWMP, National Water Master Plan, 2004). Water desalination, on the other hand, could be considered a future source of water supply.

Below is a description of surface and groundwater hydrology, existing water pollution discharges, and receiving water quality for water resources related to location of proposed project.

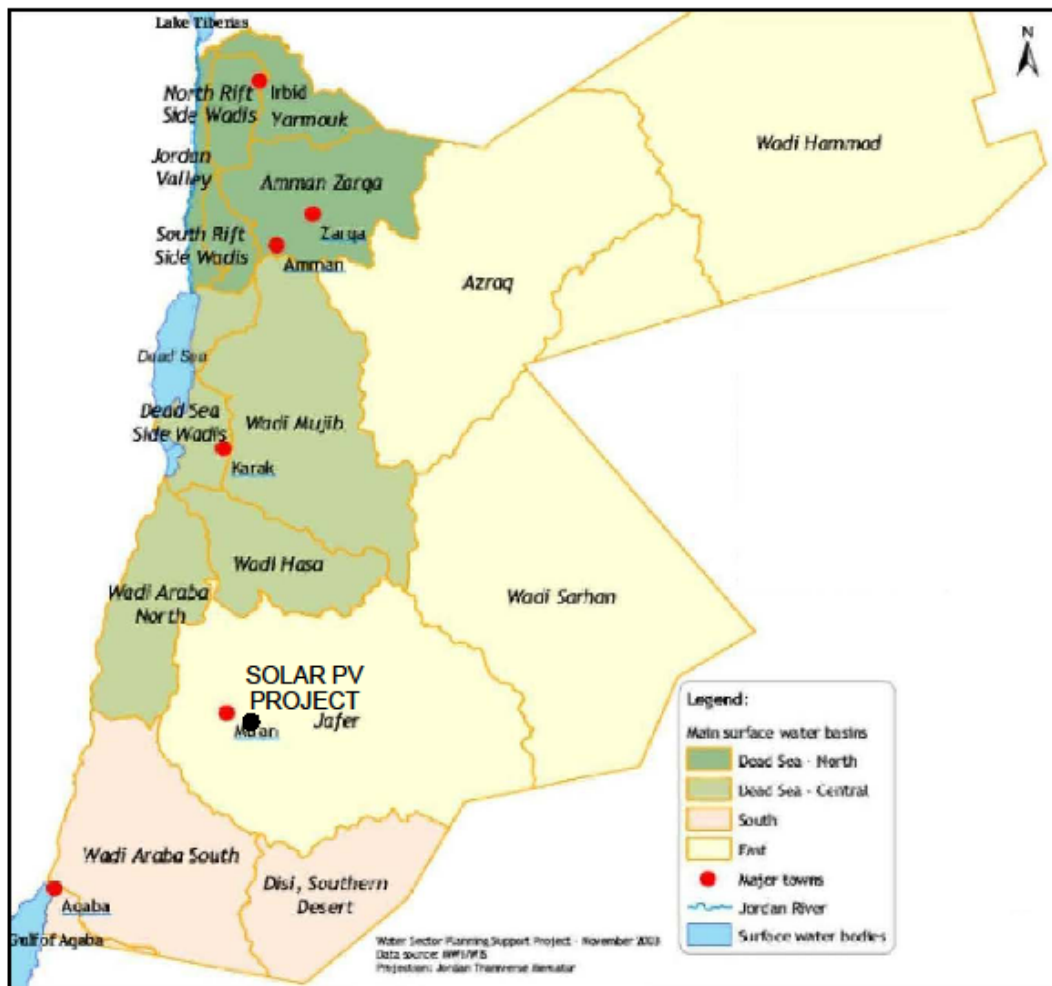
Surface Water

Main surface water basins in Jordan are depicted in

Figure 35. According to this figure, the project area is located within the East main surface water basin, also surface water basins are depicted in Figure 18. According to this figure, the project area is located within the Jafer surface water basin (MoEnv, Environmental Profile of Jordan, 2006)

The Jafer basin is located in the southern part of the central Jordan uplands. It has an area of about 12,400 km², most of which is classified as an arid desert. The drainage pattern is almost radial from the encircling western highlands towards the central Jafer Mudflat area. Ground elevation ranges from about 850 m.a.m.s.l. in the Jafer Playa to about 1,750 m.a.m.s.l. in the western highlands. The main sub-catchments of Jafer Basin are WadiJurdaneh, WadiWheida, WadiHuseinan, WadiShidiya and Wadi El Ghubeya.

The mean annual rainfall over the basin ranges from the highs of about 200 mm/yr in the western highlands to less than 25 mm/year in its eastern parts, averaging over the whole basin to about 40 mm/year.



*Source: GTZ, NWMP, Surface Water-Main Report, Surface water Resources, 2004

Figure 35:Main Surface Water Basins

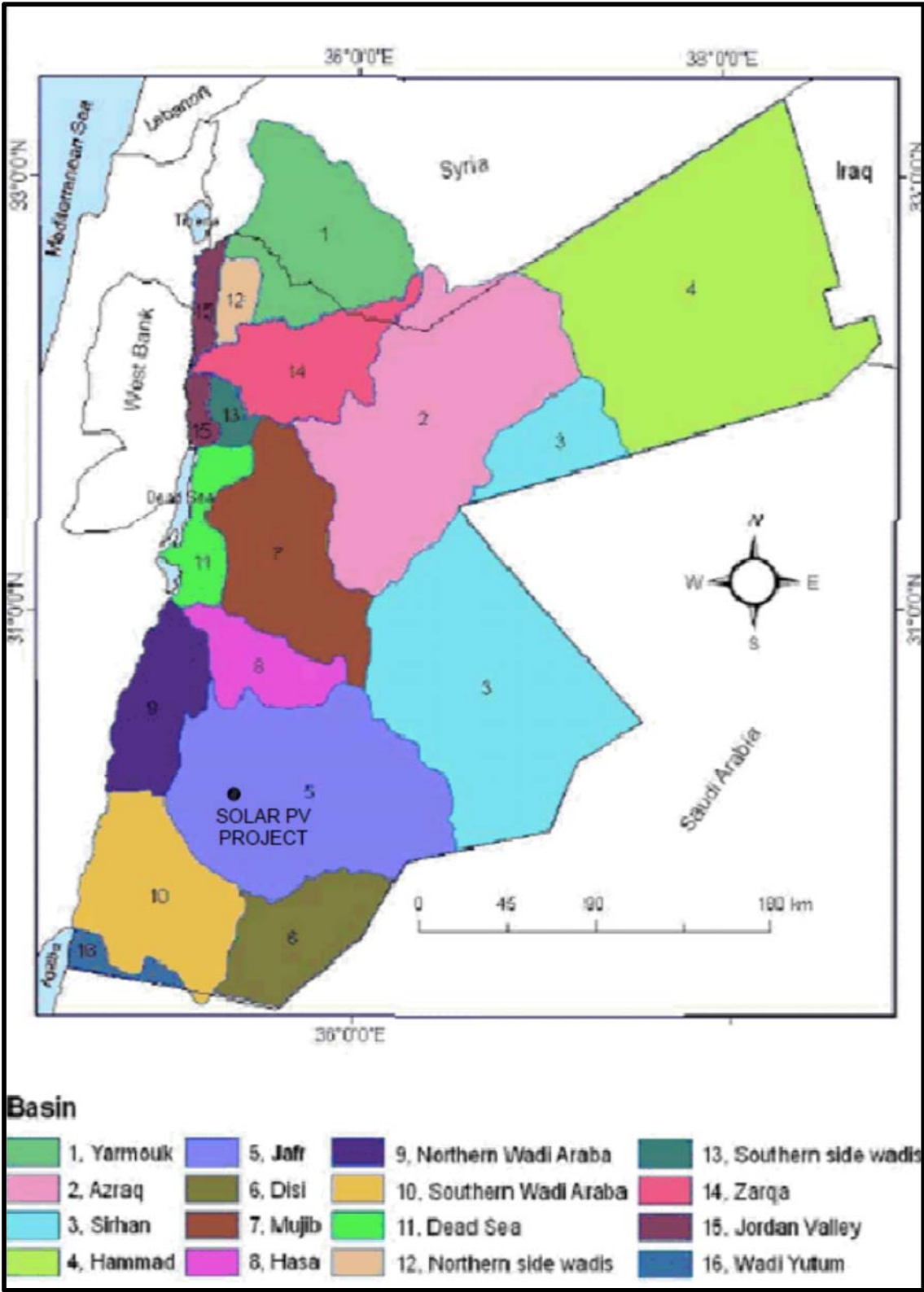


Figure 36:Surface Water Basin

Ma'anDevelopment Zone (MDA) conducted Hydraulic and Hydrological analysis report for the solar panels projects location, the report used Ma'anmeteorological data was obtained

from Ministry of Water and Irrigation, in addition to Royal Jordanian Geographic Center for contour maps.

Furthermore, site visit has been conducted in order to collect any observations such as hydrologic and hydraulic structures, the existing culverts, the spread of wadis, and evidence of floods in this area have been checked to be further analyzed. Since the Al Hejaz railway borders the project's site, a few culverts have been constructed in this area, which gave a good indication of the direction of floods and their points of concentration. **Figure 37** shows the observed culverts; **Figure 38** describes Al Hejaz Railway Bridge, and **Figure 39** explain the culverts over Ma'an and Al Mdawwara Road.

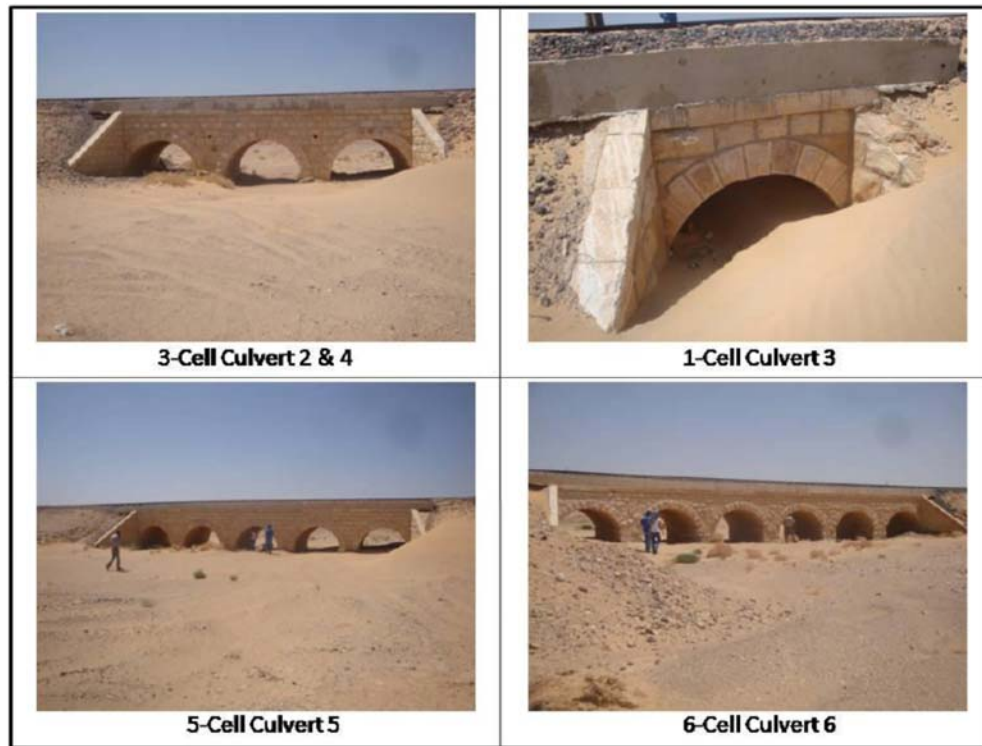


Figure 37: Culverts observed in the project site.



Figure 38: The Al Hejaz Railway Bridge near the project site.



Figure 39: Ma'an and Al Mdawwara Road Culvert near the project Site.

The proposed project satellite image shows high erosion features where water paths are predicted as shown in **Figure 40** below.

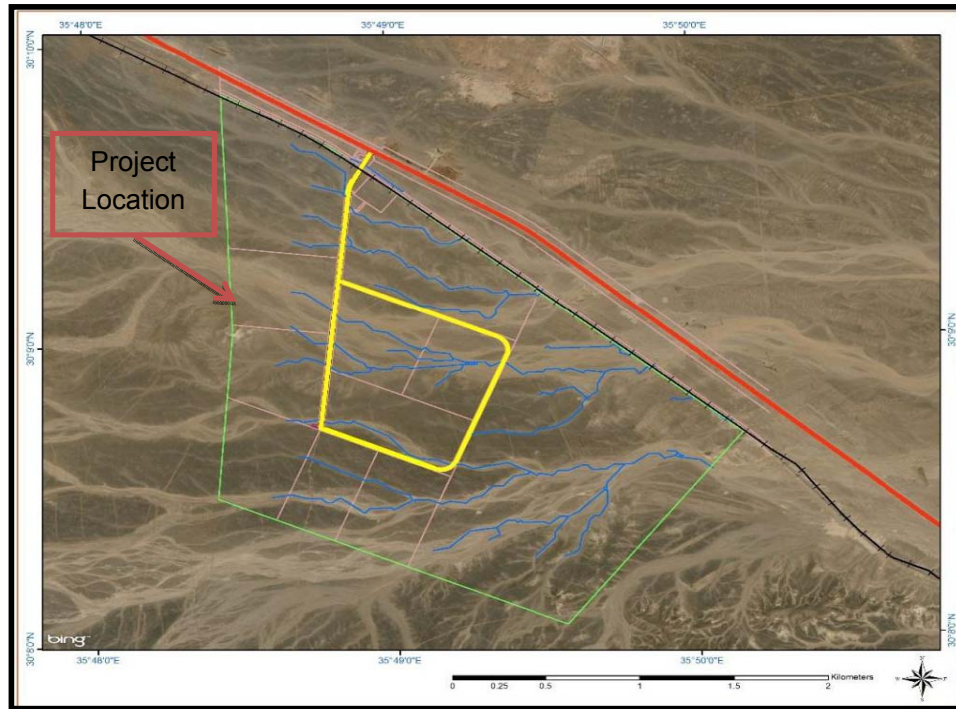


Figure 40: Satellite image for the wadies within the project area.

The catchment is divided into two sub-catchments by Al Husainain Dam, which has a significant effect in reducing the flood potential in the project's area, as well as reducing the area of the catchment area of the project's site.

Figure 41 shows the catchment, sub-catchments, and the Dam location, and then **Table 11** presents the sub-catchments characteristics.

Table 11: Sub-Catchment Characteristics

Parameter	Dam Upstream Sub-catchment	Dam Downstream Sub-catchment
Area (Km ²)	47	88.2
Stream Slope (m/m)	0.086	0.0279
Maximum Stream Length (Km)	11.7	30.2
Maximum Stream Slope (m/m)	0.0111	0.0113
Distance From the longest stream to centroid	9.63	15.25

Groundwater

Groundwater is water that is stored underground in spaces of soil or rock. The water-bearing porous soil or rock strata yielding significant amounts of water to wells or springs are called 'aquifers'. The groundwater aquifers in Jordan are classified into three main complexes:

- **The Deep Aquifer Complex:** This is formed from sandstone and is found as one unit in the south and two units in the north separated by thick limestone and marl layers.
- **The Middle Aquifer Complex** (the upper and middle cretaceous complex): This consists of limestone, dolomite, marl stone and chert beds.
- **The Shallow Aquifer Complex:** This is the mostly exploited and consists of two main systems; the basalt aquifer system and the sedimentary rocks and alluvial deposits of Tertiary and Quaternary ages system.

Groundwater recharge is extremely important. In Jordan, groundwater is recharged either by the seepage of a small percentage of total rainfall into the ground, or through groundwater inflow from Syria (referred to as "transboundary flow", in which water resources are shared with another country). Other inflows are the result of return flows from irrigation, leaks from pipes, reservoirs, and wastewater treatment plants. Groundwater outflows are from abstraction by pumping wells, spring and base flow discharge (GTZ, NWMP -Water Resources in Jordan, 2004).

Twelve groundwater basins are identified having a total renewable annual supply "safe yield" of about 280 MCM. The spatial distribution of these groundwater basins is shown in **Figure 42**. Groundwater development was rapid in the 1980s and early 1990s, as successive Governments freely awarded licenses for tube-wells. As a result, by the mid-1980s, a pattern of systematic overdraw of groundwater had been established. Over-abstraction is evident in six of the basins where the safe yields have been exceeded by more than 100 percent in some cases space. The total groundwater abstraction from eleven basins in 2003 was about 506 MCM representing an over-draft of about 226 MCM. Water levels in the main aquifers are declining due to this over-exploitation with some aquifers showing considerable deterioration of their water quality due to salinity.

The groundwater basins of project area are presented in **Figure 43**. The project area is included within Jafer groundwater basin.

Current use of Jafer already exceeds the available renewable supplies. The deficit is made up by the unsustainable practice of overdrawing the Highland aquifers, resulting in lowered water tables and deteriorating water quality. Projections differ on the amount of future supply and demand for water, but they agree, without exception, that there is a serious gap and that comfortable, realistic solutions to close it are not apparent. With this alarming prospect, it is of the utmost importance for Jordan to plan and manage the available water resources with care, efficiency and resolve.

The Jafer ground water basin is located in the south-central and south eastern part of Jordan and borders the WadiSirhan Basin to the East, the South and North Wadi Arab and Red Sea Basins to the West, Dead Sea and Zarqa Basins to the north and DisiBasin to the South (**Figure 42**). The Basin encompasses a catchment's area of 12,364 km² or about 15% of the area of Jordan.

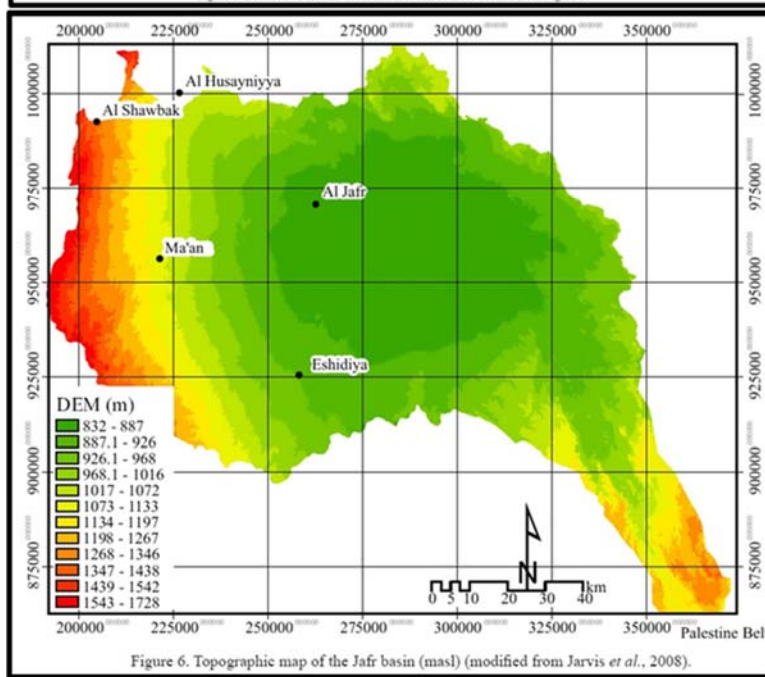
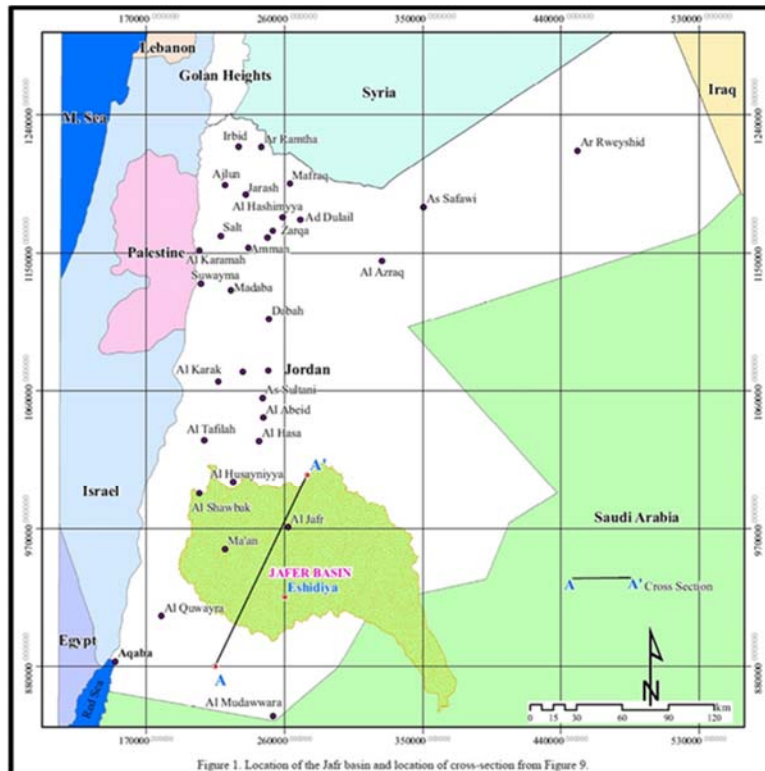


Figure 42: The Location and Topography Jafer Basin

The aquifer systems in the study area have been recognized in argillaceous, arenaceous and/or carbonate rocks of the Cambrian to Paleogene age such as Disi, Kurnub, lower Ajlun (A1-6), Amman-WadiEs Sir (B2/A7), and Rijam (B4) (Howard Humphyeres,1984). In this study, attention was focused on the aquifers in the Ajlun and Balqa Groups such as A1-6, B2/A7 and B4. The groundwater resources are available within three successive aquifer systems: The Shallow Aquifer System (The Um Rijam aquifer B4): occurs at El Jafr area where it is exploited mainly for irrigation. The aquifer suffers from high salinities due to irrigation returns and has a limited yield. The Rijam aquifer is underlain by the chalky marls and thick impervious shales of the Muwaqqar Formation which form the base of this aquifer (Rimawi, 1985).The Middle Aquifer System (The Amman WadiEs Sir aquifer B2/A7): is the majoraquifer system that feed the area with water for domestic and industrial uses. It lies beneath the shallow aquifer or exposed at the land surface. In the western highlands of the Jafr Basin, west of the Arja-Uweinaflexure the B2/A7 receives replenishment fromrain fall (mean annual rainfall 150 – 200 mm) and characterized by spring flows, high water table elevations which exceeds 1100 m above sea level and fresh water (Howard Humphyeres, 1984). In the Maa'n-Shidiya area, the aquifers do not receive replenishment from rainfall because the annual rainfall is less than 40 mm. The Deep Aquifer System (Disi and Kurnub): which is composed of sandy materials, classified as non-renewable water resource and is not utilized yet. However, few wells were drilled by JPMC to extract water from this aquifer at the Shidiya mining area.

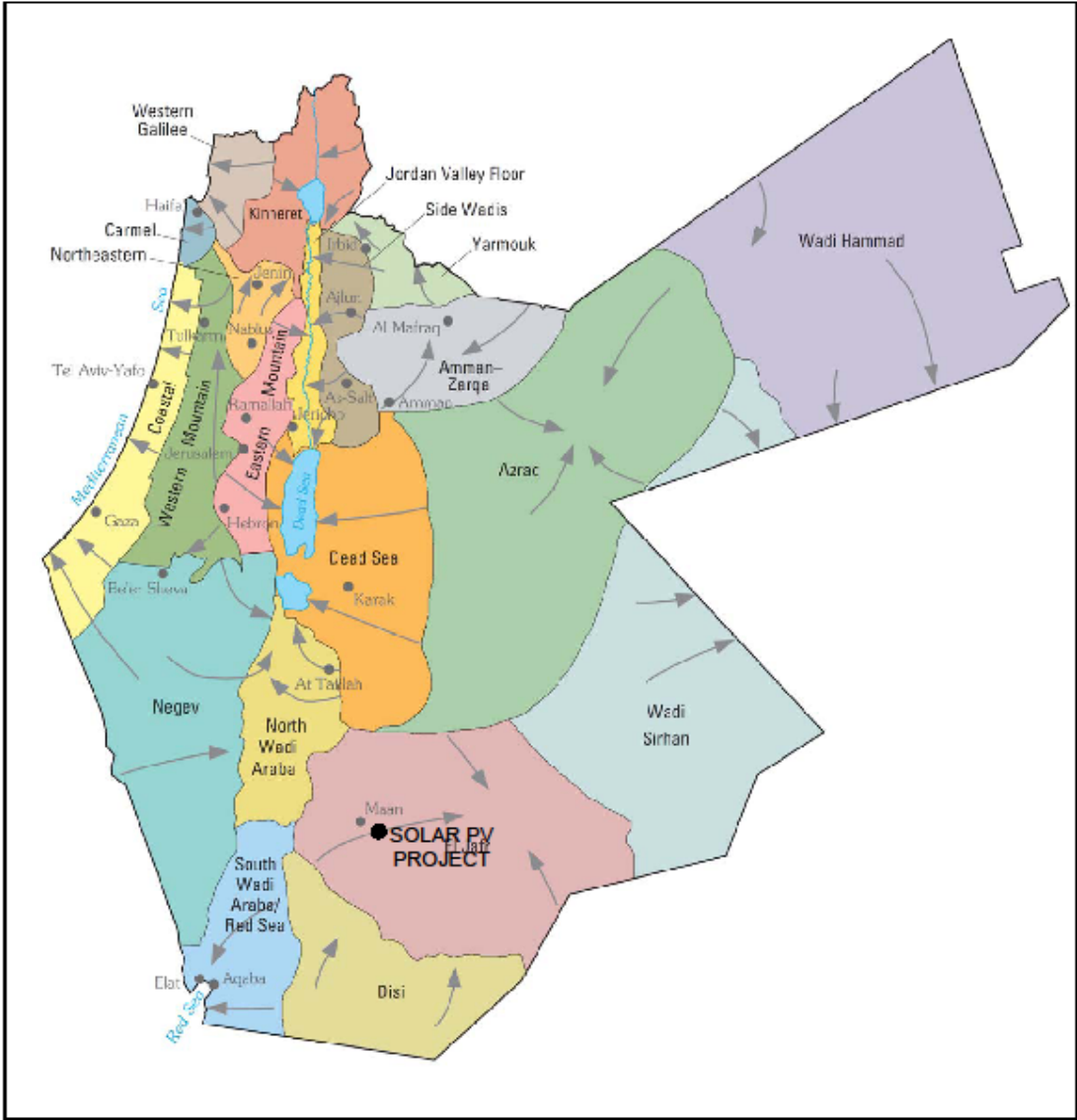


Figure 43: Project Area Relative to Groundwater Basins

5.3. Biological Environment

This section describes the current biological environment in the project area; this includes the following elements of the biological environment:

- Flora of the project area: This includes vegetation coverage and vegetation communities, rare and endangered plant species.
- Fauna of the project area: Among this large taxonomic group, there will be certain smaller groups to study. These groups are considered easy to assess bio-indicators for the status of the fauna because of their higher trophic levels.
- These groups are large mammals, conservation important small mammals, birds especially the conservation important resident species and conservation important reptiles.
- Sensitive Habitats: These are the areas of biological importance, which include; Protected Areas, National Parks, Range land Reserves, Important Bird Areas, Wetlands under Ramsar Sites, Unique Habitats and Ecosystems and isolated natural sites (Biodiversity Islands).

5.3.1. Bio-geographic Zones

Jordan is classified into 4 main biogeographic zones as illustrated in Figure 21 below; the project area is located in the zone that covers the most parts of eastern and southern Jordan, namely the Saharo-Arabian zone.

Saharao-Arabian Zone

this region is called Badia, since it has different set of characters other than those of typical deserts known anywhere else. In typical deserts there are lots of sand dunes, while in Jordan desert, the land is clayey and covered by gravels or pebbles. Accordingly the parts of the Badia are called Hammada or Hammad or Harra. Usually the Harra is covered by black basaltic pebbles, while Hammada is covered by gravels.

This area is characterized by having very cold winter and usually very dry, hot summer, temperature may exceed 40°C in the hot season, while it might go down up to -10°C during the coldest days of the year. The soil is very poor and mostly of the type Hammada, saline, sandy-loam or mud flats in some parts. Rainfall ranges from 50-100 mm/year, the mean annual rainfall is almost 50 mm. Altitude is usually about 600-700 m above sea level, rarely exceeds that in some parts. This area comprises the majority of Jordan and borders the Irano-Turanian on the East forming the largest share of the area of Jordan.

The vegetation is mostly composed of fleshy plants which can resist the hot conditions. Animals mostly reptiles, some birds, rodents and some mammals. The vegetation is very poor and sometimes non-existent, especially in the mud flats. Most of the plant cover is restricted to the watershed in the wadis where enough soil moisture is available to hold some vegetation. The most common species are *Artemisia herba-alba*, *Achilleafragrantissima*, *Phlomis*, *Astragalus*, *Stipa*, *Trigonella*.

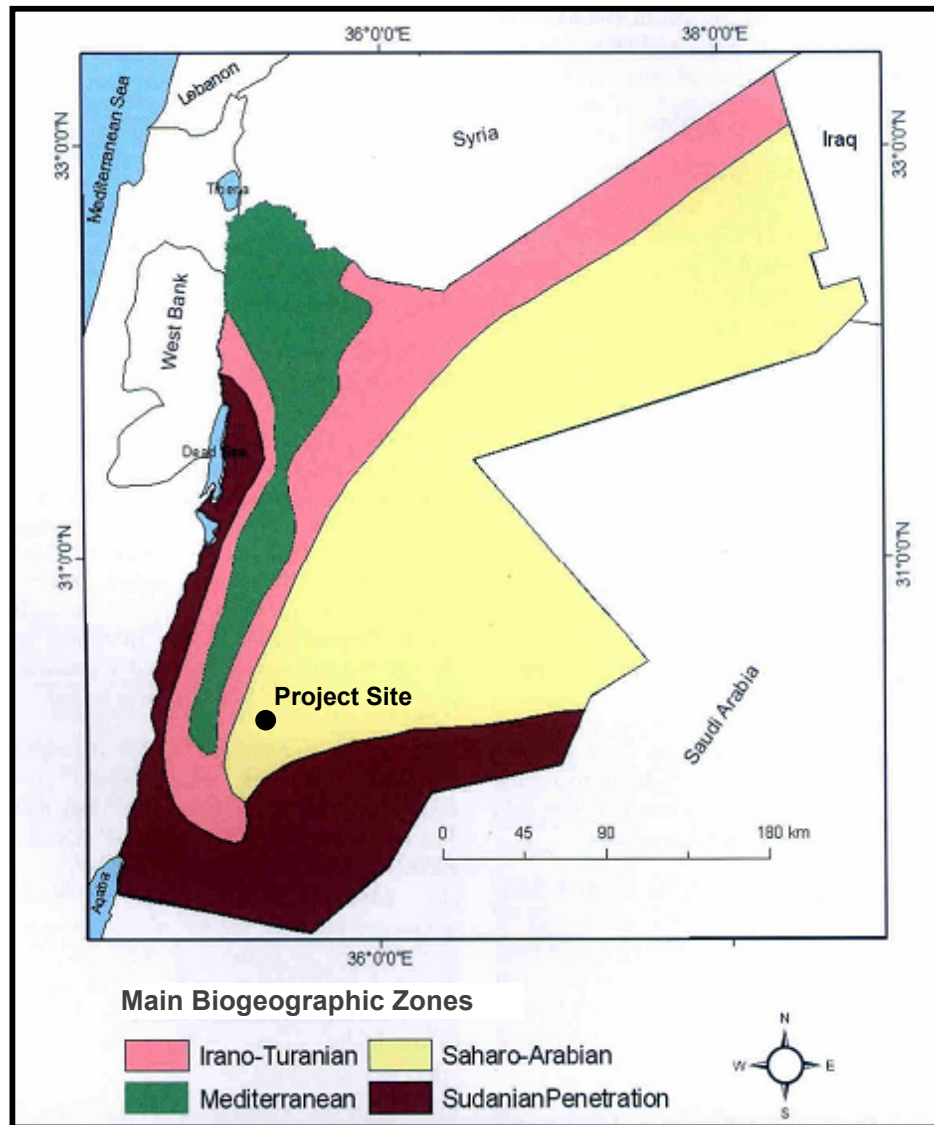


Figure 44: Bio-geographic Zones of Jordan (MoE, Environmental Profile of Jordan, 2006)

5.3.2. Vegetation Types

The proposed project area has one vegetation type, namely Hammada Vegetation (Al-Eisawi, Vegetation of Jordan, 1996).

Most of the Saharo-Arabian region in Jordan is of Hammada type, which comprises about 50 percent of the total area. Four subdivisions of Hammada can be recognized:

5. Run-off hammada
6. Gravel hammada
7. Pebble hammada (Harrah)

8. Sandy hammada

The project area is characterized with all the above subdivisions of Hammada vegetation except Pebble Hammada.

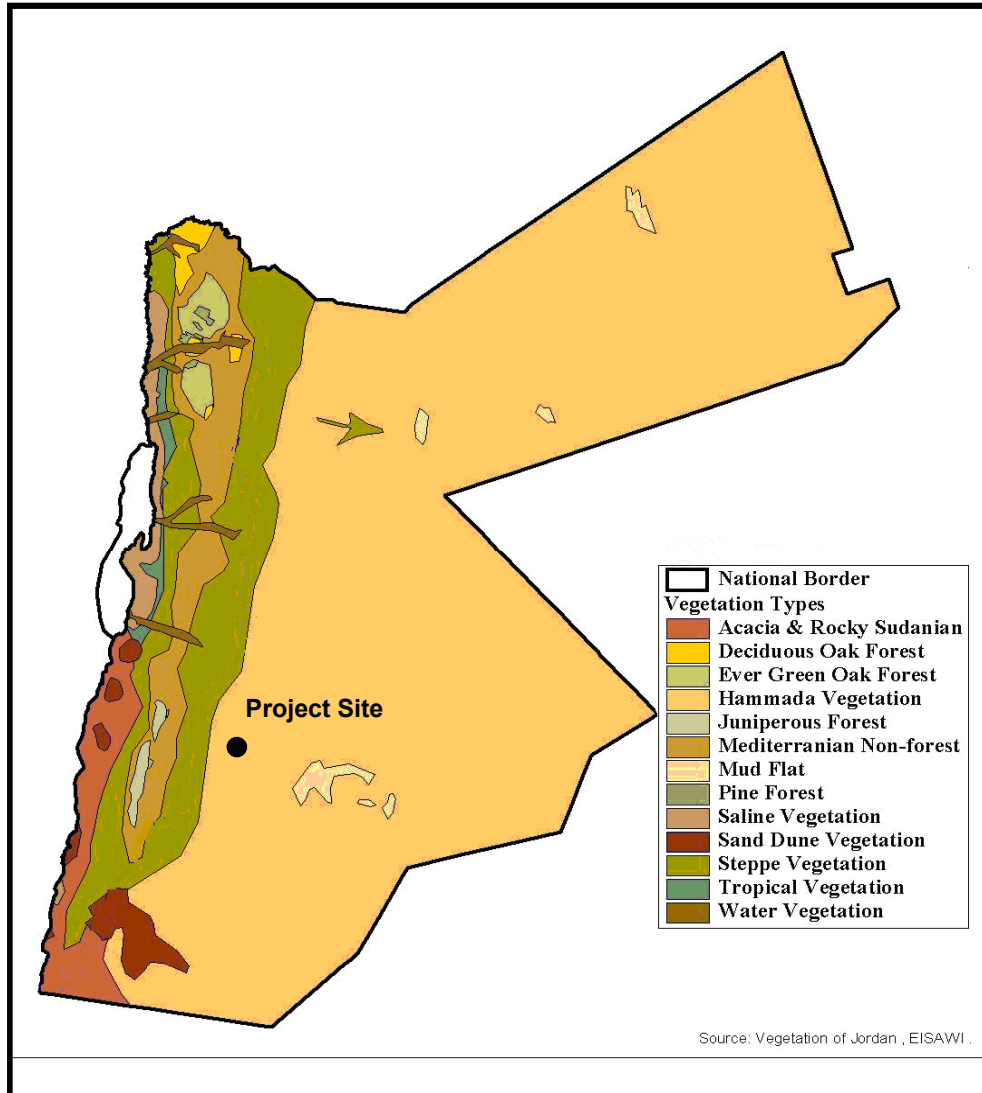


Figure 45:Vegetation Types of Jordan

Run-off hammada

The vegetation here is mainly confined to the wadis and water-shed places. Usually the vegetation is rich and dense in comparison with the surrounding areas. Run-off places vary in width from few meters to hundreds of meters. The vegetation varies from place to another, for example some wadis along the road from Ma'an to Mudawwarah at Saudi Arabia borders, the wadi has *Acacia tortilis*, *A.raddiana*, *Tamarixspp.*, *Artemisia judaica* and *A.monosperma*. In general the leading species are:

- *Retama raetam*
- *Atriplex halimus*
- *Tamarix spp.*
- *Peganum harmala*

- *Lycium europaeum*
- *Artemisia herba-alba*
- *Achillea fragrantissima*
- *Phlomis brachyodon*
- *Astragalus spp.*
- *Anabasis articulata*
- *Atractylis mutica*
- *Gynandris sisyrrinchium*

Gravel hammada

Gravel Hammada is the largest, flattest part of Jordan, restricted to middle of the Eastern Desert. It is made of mostly clayey loam covered by gravels. The vegetation is dominated by some low shrubs such as *Seiditzia rosmarinus* in association with some annual herbs and succulent plants. The following are some of the leading species:

- *Seiditzia rosmarinus*
- *Spergularia diandra*
- *Herniaria hirsuta*
- *Aaronsohnia factorovskyi*
- *Anthemis deserti*
- *Asteriscus pygmaeus*
- *Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum*
- *Filago desertorum*
- *Gymnarrhena micrantha*
- *Stipa capensis*
- *Bromus spp.*
- *Trigonella stellata*

Sandy hammada

Most common along the borders with Iraq and Saudi Arabia, along the road to Al-Wisad police station, and partially in Ash-Shumari reserve. The land is a mixture of either type of Hammada, gravel or pebbles, with sandy soil coming from Saudi Arabia. In some cases the sandy soil will be dominant and dunes formations may occur. The leading Species are:

- *Seiditzia rosmarinus*
- *Atriplex spp.*
- *Artemisia herba-alba*
- *Anabasis articulata*
- *Achillea fragrantissima*
- *Halocnemum strobilaceum*
- *Capparis leucophylla*
- *Ephedra transitoria*
- *Deverra triradiata*
- *Calligonum tetrapterum*
- *Zilla spinosa*

5.3.3. Faunal Species Diversity

Herpeto-fauna

The project area has shown low abundance of reptiles during the baseline period, that due to the very low vegetation cover and the associated insects communities that comprises the main food for such species. Generally, the Reptiles of the project area are represented by lizards of various families: (*Gekkonidae*: *Bunopustuberculatus*, *Hemidactylusturcicus*, *Ptyodactylusguttatus*, *Stenodactylusgrandiceps*, *Lacertidae*: *Acanthodactylusboskianus*, *Acanthodactylusgrandis*, *Mesalinabrevirostris*, *Mesalinaguttulata*, *Agamidae*: *Trapelus pallidus*, *Scincidae*: *Eumeces schneideri* and *Varanidae*: *Varanus griseus*). Snakes are diversified and include at least seven species (*Coluber rogersi*, *Eirenis coronella*, *Eirenis rothi*, *Malpolon moilensis*, *Psammophis schokari*, *Spalerosophis diadema* and

Pseudocerastesfieldi).None of the previously recorded species are of conservation importance.

Mammals

Large mammals are rare and represented by few carnivores (*Vulpesvulpes* and *Hyaenahyaena*). On the other hand, rodents are diversified and quite common along the various sections of this area. *Jaculusjaculus*, *Gerbillusdasyurus*, *Merioneslibycus*, *Merionescrassus* and *Psammomysobesus* are dominant. In addition, the Desert Hedgehog, *Paraechinusathiopicus* is present in this area.

Birds

The project location is located in between two important bird areas in Jordan; Wadi Taraf Important Bird Area and Hizma Basin Important Birds Area. The project area is at the vicinity of major birds migration routes especially for Autumn Migration of Raptors. The common Birds Species at the area are:

- *Desert Lark*
- *Desert Finch*
- *Crested Lark*
- *Common Buzzard*
- *Black Kite*
- *Steppe Buzzard*
- *Common Kestrel*

Birds Survey was made to update the status of the ecological relation between the project site and the Birds that are either resident or migrant passenger over this location and the surrounding area. The results has shown low importance of the project area for birds species due to the poor and degraded ecological characteristics of the area. Few common desert birds species were recorded during the baseline, such as: Desert Lark, Crested Larck and black Kite. Non of these species are of conservation importance.

Important Ecological Habitats:

The project area dose not have have an ecollogically important habitats, the nearest Important Birds Area is Abu Tarfa IBA which at a distance of 15.9 kmas illustrated in**Figure 46**below. In addition the nearest Rangeland Reserve to the project location is Ras An Naqab which is 22.87 km far as shown at Figure 47below

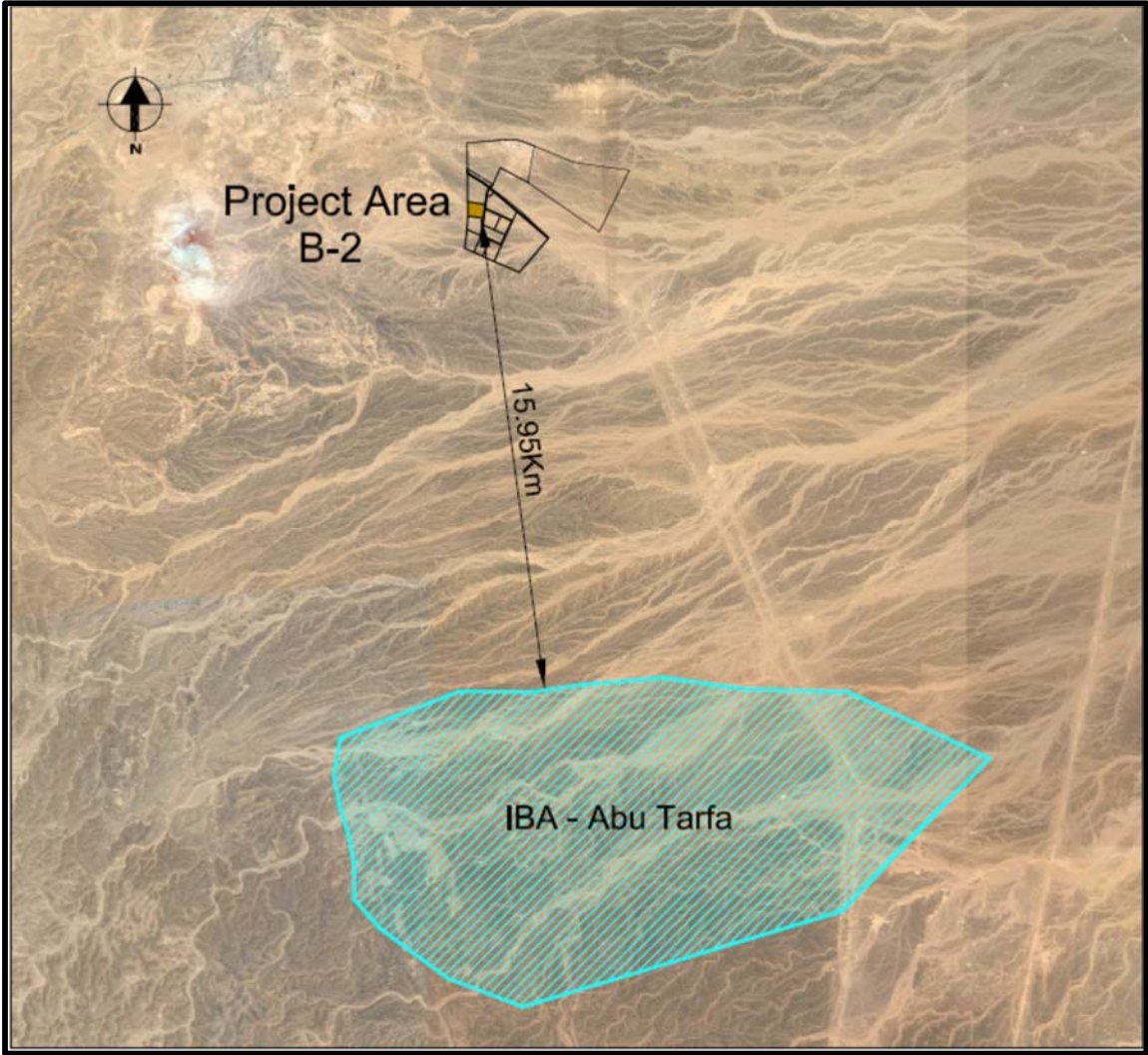


Figure 46 : The nearest IBA to the project location.

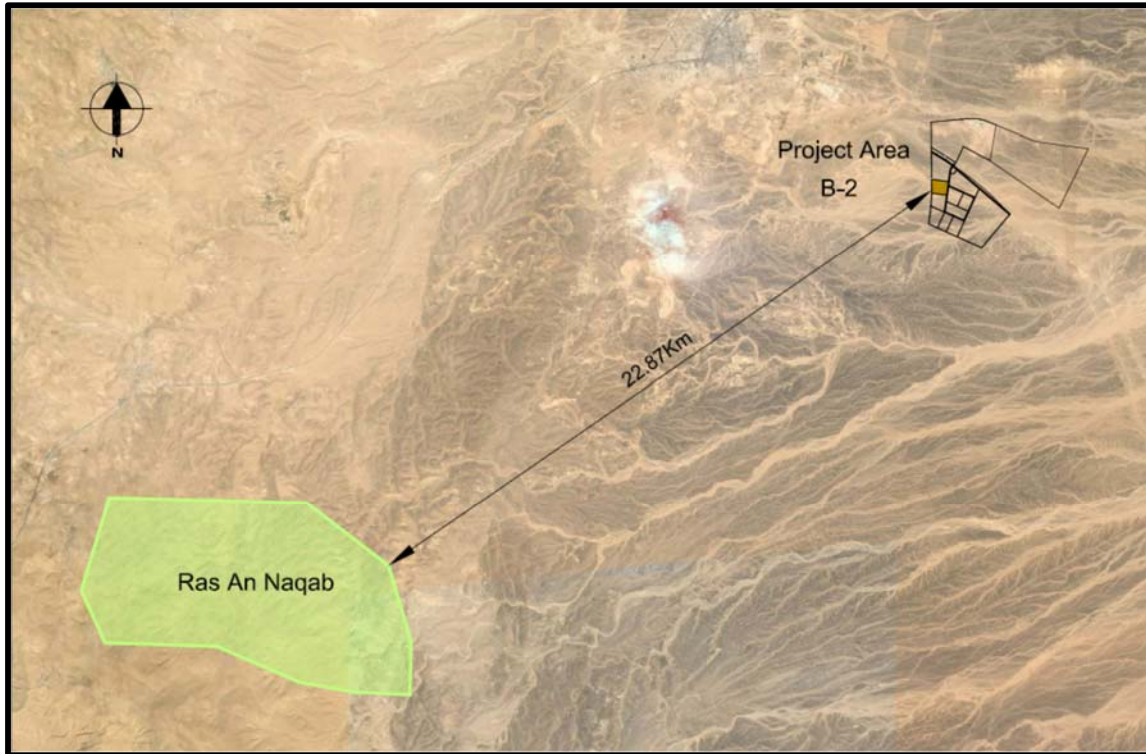


Figure 47 : The nearest Rangeland Reserve to the project location.

5.4. Socio-Economic Conditions

This section gives an overview of the type and number of people who will be available within the project site and the surroundings, the surrounding land uses, existing infrastructure and utilities, aesthetic as well as public health and safety conditions.

5.4.1. Population

Ma'an is Jordan largest governorate in terms of area in Jordan with 33% of Jordan total area, but with the second smallest population between all governorates with 1.9% of Jordan total population with a total of 111,200 citizens of which females constitute 47.6% of Ma'an total population (DOS, 2009).

The age structure of Ma'an population shows that it is a young community having 37.8% of the community below the age of 15 years, and 70.9% of the community is below the age of 30 years.

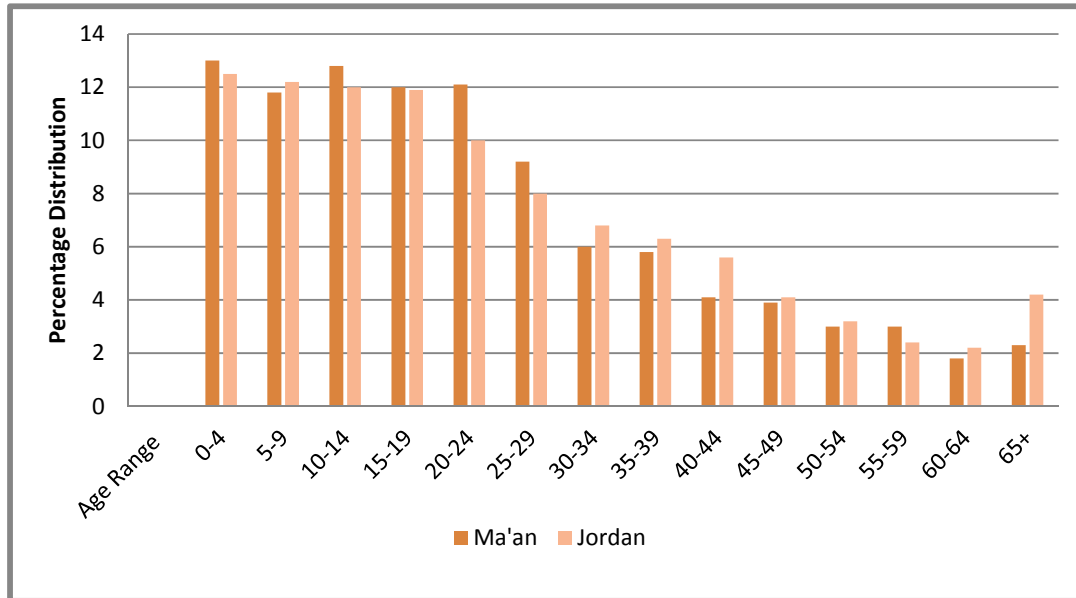


Figure 48:Percentage distribution of Ma'an Population according to age.

Ma'an governorate is characterized by three major social environments; these are the city style, the village style, and nomadic. The city style is represented by Ma'an city. Since the establishment of the King Hussein Ben Talal University Ma'an area became more attractive to residents in south Jordan, especially Ma'an, less repulsive to young people and as will melting pot for different cultures came from different parts of Jordan and to less extent from the nearby Arab countries simple village life style is the dominant in the villages and small settlements scattered along the governorate, and still the base and the govern reference for all social relations in Ma'an area.

It is anticipated that the population that will be present within project premises is the project employees.

5.4.2. Land Use

The project area is within MDA and is classified as industrial area. The plot allocated for the project is currently empty of any use, surrounding area is also empty. The nearest populated area is the Industrial Park which is part of MDA and located around 2.5 km to the north-east of the project area. While the nearest town is Ma'an city located about 5.0 km to the north-west of the project site as well as a private farm located to the north-west, **Figure 49** present the distance between the project location and closest settlement.

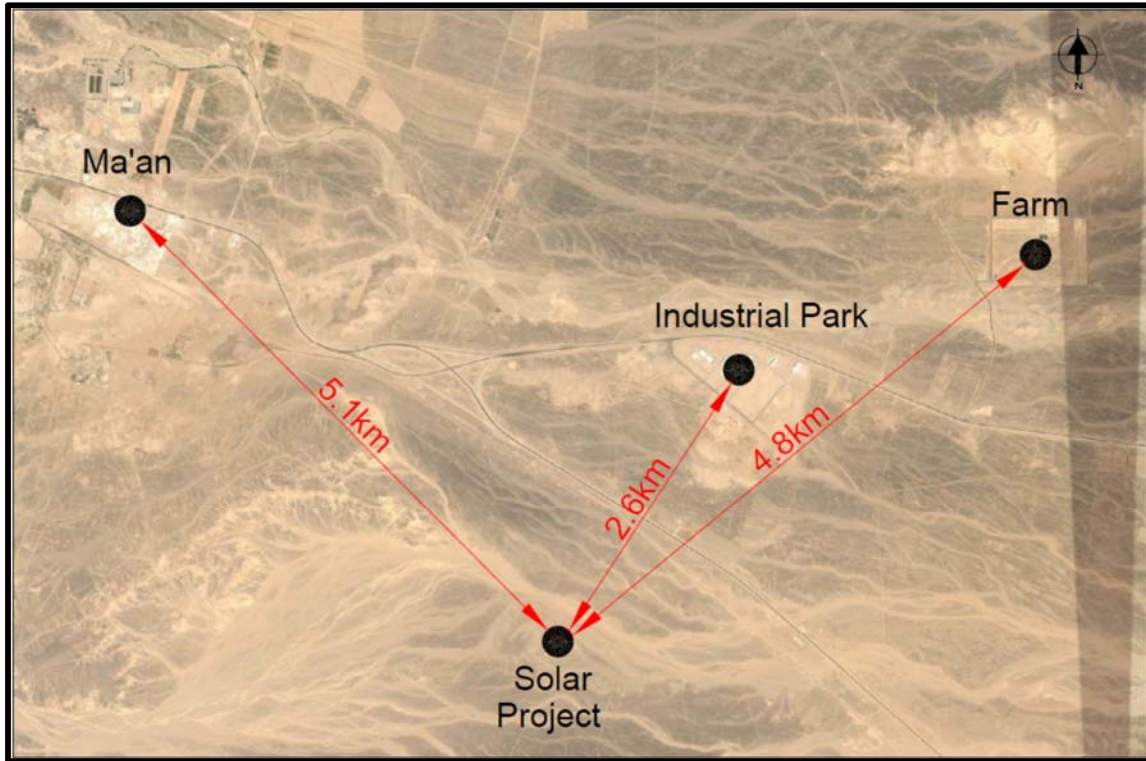


Figure 49: The closest settlements to the project location.

5.4.3. Infrastructure, Utilities, and Transport

The project site can be reached through the international highway connecting Ma'an with the Saudi borders. The project aims to generating electricity, however until starting power generation, electricity proposed to be connected to NEPCO network via main sub station located in the entrance of the project as illustrate in the **Figure 50**.

The water will be provided to the project by combined water and fire fighting network, furthermore, the wastewater will be collected by septic tanks and emptied regularly based on the water consumption in the site.

The site other infrastructure such as roads will be served with internal roads with length 32 m and width 1.7, as well as all the other services will be available such as telecommunication and internet, Moreover, the Location will be fenced in order to protect the project from any foreigners or animals, All these utilities will be provided through MDA as a part of it mission to develop the investment in Ma'an Governorate.

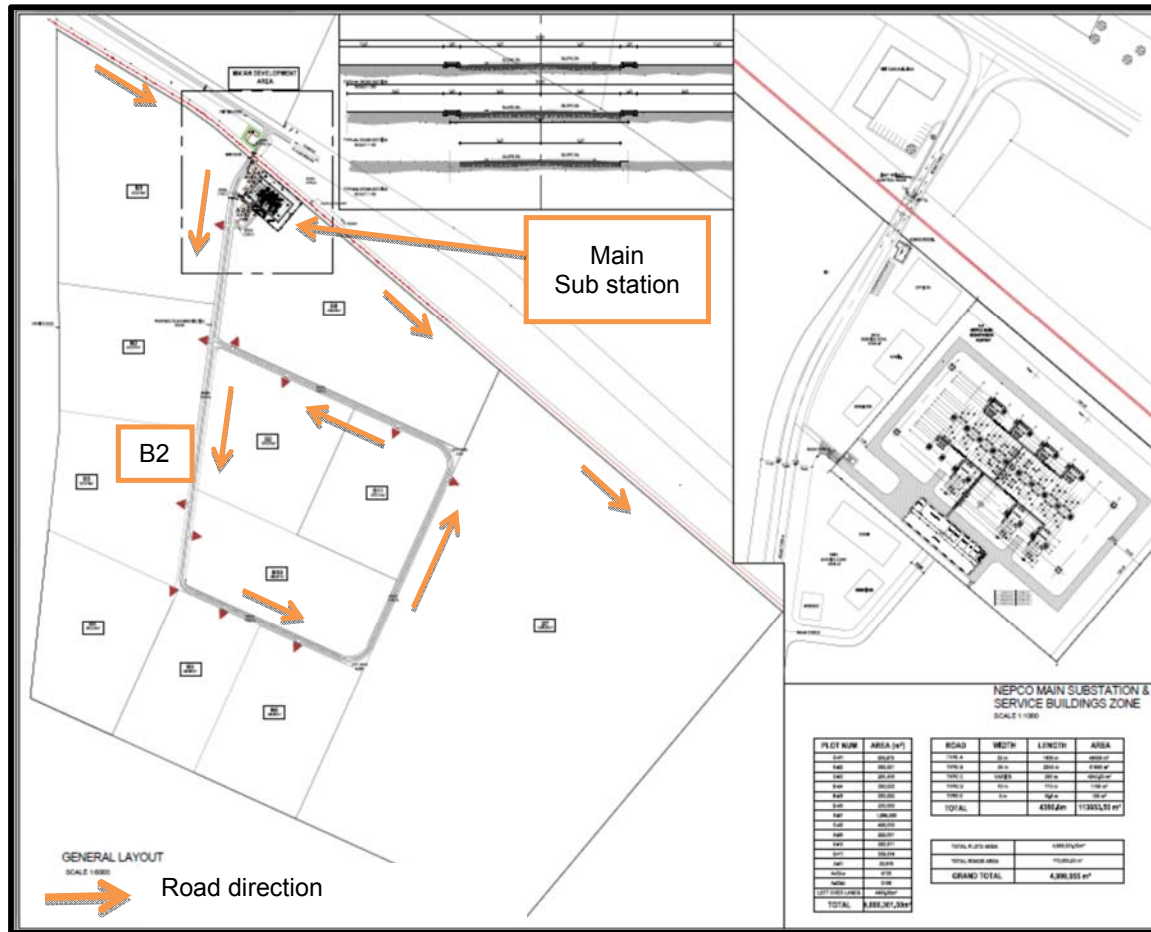


Figure 50: The project location proposed utilities

5.5. Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Resources

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities with cooperation with Bristol University and London UK University has been prepared a survey about the Modern Conflict Archeology for the Ottoman era, the survey covered Al Haj path including Ma’an city as an important station for Al Haj in order to record all remain the archeology with the path strip.

An additional survey from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities – Archeology Directorate has been done by archeological team in 24/12/2013 and prepared a primary report; the survey team discovered three locations for Military camp – Ottoman era in addition to some horseshoe metals and piece of the tents cloth, Furthermore, the team observed that the military tents were circle shaped as shown in **Figure 51**. However, it is worth noting that these identified sites fall outside the project area.

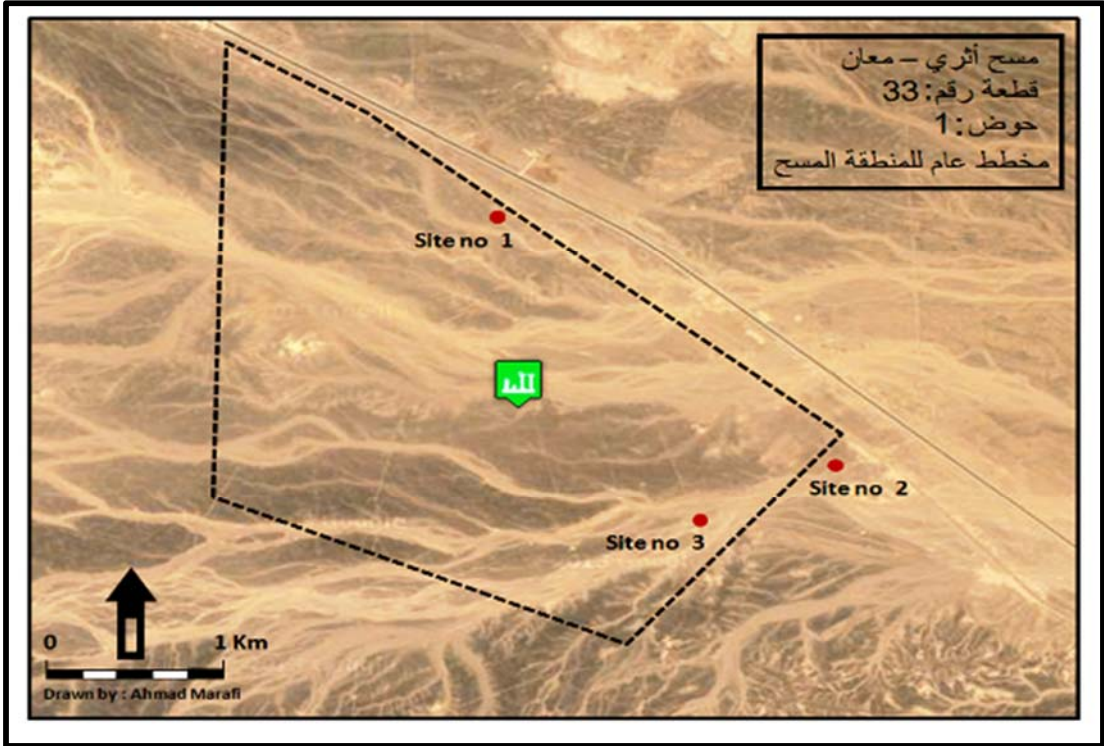


Figure 51: The three sites of Ottoman era within MDA

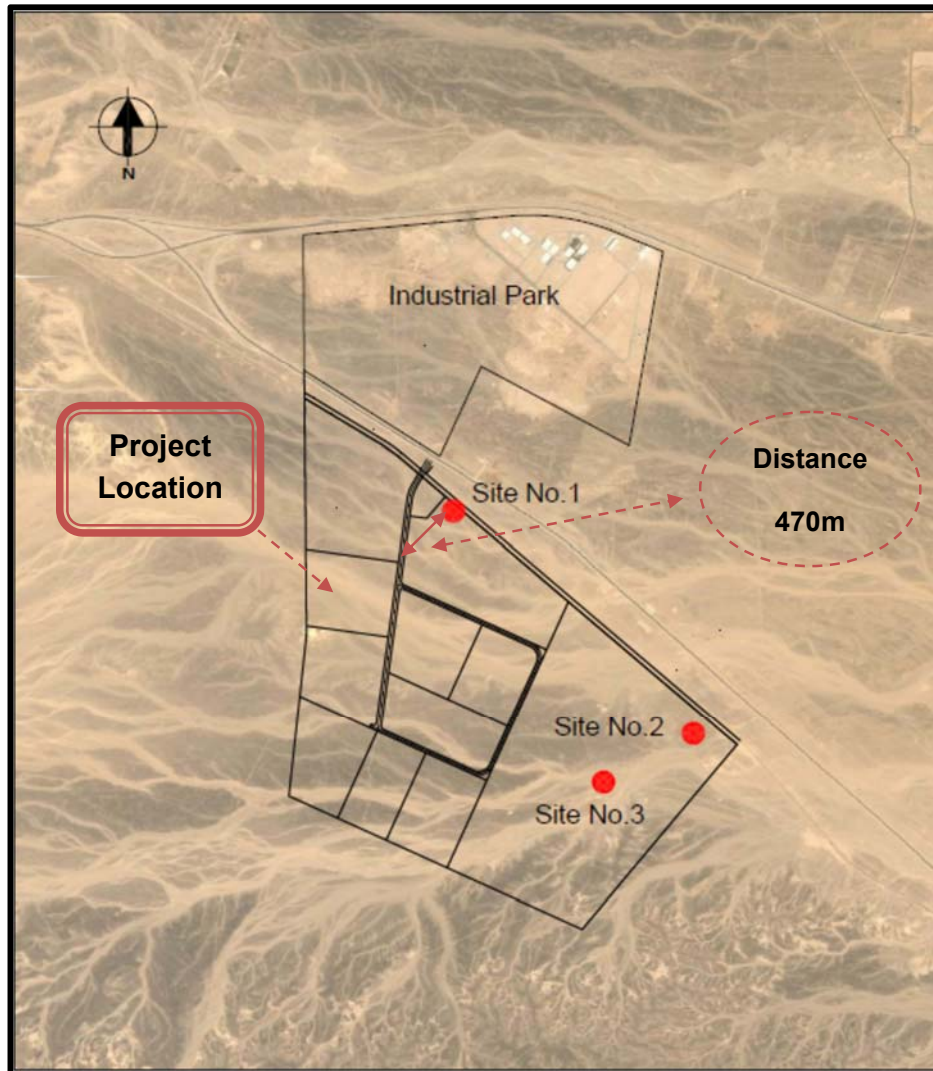


Figure 52: The project Location and the Archological sites

The closest site to the project location is site No.1, the distance between the project location plot B2 and site No.1 about 470 m as present on the figure above.

The Archeological report main recommendation relative to this project is as follows :

- The project developer is obliged to inform the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities – Directorate of Ma'an in the case of more findings are observed during the construction phase.

6. STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

6.1. Introduction

Stakeholders are identified as any individual and/or group that could be affected by the proposed project activities and has interest in their outcome. According to this definition, the stakeholders may include property owners, business owners, central government and local officials, special interest groups, and non-government organization.

Stakeholders should play a vital role in providing advice to the project management, therefore, in compliance with local EIA regulations, and international standards, i.e. IFC/World Bank, stakeholder engagement has been an ongoing process throughout the ESIA process in order to ensure transparency with all stakeholders that may be affected by, or have influence on the project.

The stakeholder engagement activities carried out during this ESIA are as follows:

- Identification of project stakeholders and all parties affected or related to this project
- Conducting a scoping session and documenting its results in a scoping statement report as part of the Final ToR.

6.2. Stakeholder Engagement

Upon submission of the application and categorization of the Project, the ESIA Scoping Process was initiated for the purpose of providing the identified stakeholders with information pertaining to the proposed Project, outlining the ESIA preparation and review process, and obtaining stakeholders views on the key environmental and social issues that should be considered during the design and implementation of the Project. The Scoping Statement report that was submitted as part of the Final ToR to MoEnv. has already identified the key environmental impacts likely to be associated with the project as well as a methodology and execution plan for assessment.

The scoping workshop for this project, organized MoEnv. and AJ in collaboration with Al Zanbaq, was held on May8th, 2014 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Amman, Jordan. The scoping program focused on describing the project and the key potential impacts identified in the Terms of Reference (ToR). A scoping statement that summarizes the deliberations of the workshop, the participating stakeholders and the issues identified to be of potentially significant impacts was prepared and as part of the Final ToR that was submitted to MoE on May15th 2014 and approved on June9th 2014.

The list of invitees to the scoping session included concerned stakeholders from government agencies, institutions, organizations, municipalities, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including, but not limited to, the following:

Table 12: Stakeholder Categories

No.	Stakeholder Category	Examples
1	Government	Government Ministries, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities, Ministry of Municipalities and Municipal Affairs.
2	Community	Community Leaders, women, children, tribal and unemployed groups
3	Shareholders	Shareholders and project staff
4	NGOs	Environmental, social, Education, Sustainable Development, Health, Ecotourism, Cultural, Archaeology BGOs (national and international with local representations. E.g. Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN); Jordan Environment Society (JES); Friends of the Environment (FOE); IUCN, etc.
5	Media	Press, Broadcast, Radio, Key Journalists
6	Academic	Universities and Research Institutes

The detailed list of invited stakeholders is included within the scoping statement, and the list of stakeholders that attended the scoping session is presented in the scoping statement as well.

The main issues of concern can be summarized as follows:

- The positive impact on the local community and employment opportunity.
- Extend the project after decommissioning phase ;
- Rehabilitation the existing cables in order to connect the project;
- The wastewater Treatment and Ruse;
- The project considered as a green project;

The overall aim of the scoping session was to take into consideration all issues of concern raised by stakeholders throughout different phases of the project. Thus, the above mentioned issues were evaluated and assessed, where relevant, to ensure that the impacts are not significant and no harmful effects will be caused during and after the project.

6.3. Security

The project will be fenced and the access to the project site will be controlled by the entrance gate. The project will be secured by a private security contractor who will be appointed by the company where civilian security measures will be implemented on site. The security contractor who is licensed for such service is connected with official security authorities for any security threats or alarms when occurred. In addition to the security measures that will be implemented by the project, MDA also has its own security arrangements in coordination with the developers at the DA and the relevant security authority to maintain the whole area under proper and adequate security measures.

The project will adopt the preventive security approach through building positive relation with the local community and other stakeholders via open dialogue channels via the community liaison persons who are more likely to be from the local community members.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIO ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND RECEPTORS

Project environment covering physical, biological, socio-economic and OHS aspects are identified for all proposed activities which has the potential to:

- Interact with the environment (physical, biological, socio-economic & OHS); and
- Breach the conditions of relevant national and international standards and guidelines.

The identified receptors are presented in table below.

Table 13: Identified Environmental and Socio-economic Receptors

Aspects/ Receptors	Details
1-Physical Environment	
Air Quality	The atmosphere at and around the Project Site.
Noise	The construction phase specially activity related to transportation and execution might have a potential impact upon.
Soil	The soils of the project area on which construction, operation and decommissioning activities will occur.
Hydrogeology	The hydrogeology (i.e., groundwater) in the area in and around where construction and operation activities will occur.
Hydrology	Storm water within the project area.
Landscape / Visual Impact / Topography	The geomorphologic land forms and terrain at the Project site.
2-Biological Environment	
Flora	Plant species that could potentially exist in the area in which the construction and operational activities will occur.
Fauna: (Birds, Reptiles and Mammals)	Fauna species that could potentially be affected by the project different activities in the area in which the construction and operational activities will occur.
3-Occupational Health and Safety	
Construction Team	Staff on project site which are subject to occupational hazards effects such as noise, dust, etc.
4-Socio-economic Environment	
Public Health & Safety – PHS	Land users nearby the project boundaries that could be subject to hazards/public health and safety effects potentially arising from the Project's activities.
Population	The project area is far from the populated areas. Hence, there is no population (people) utilising the project area.

Aspects/ Receptors	Details
Land Use & Land Ownership	The project area is owned by MDA and shall be leased by Adenium for the project duration.
Workforce & Employment	New work opportunities are expected mainly construction phase and operation phase
Utilities and infrastructure	The utilities (e.g. power supply, water, telecommunications, sewage services) which the project construction and operation activities might have a potential impact upon.
Transport & Traffic	Road transport systems of the area in which the Project activities are to occur during the construction phase, and minor during operation phase.
Archaeology / Cultural Property	Archaeological sites and artefacts that have cultural significance found within or in the vicinity of the Project area.

7.1. Interaction of Identified Aspects and Receptors

Based on the review of environmental aspects, project activities, and the project's environmental receptors, a summary of potential interactions between the environmental aspects and receptors relevant to this project were identified. This will allow for a preliminary assessment of the key environmental issues related to physical, biological, OHS and socio-economic receptors, or 'key issues' associated with the Project to be completed.

The interaction of aspects and receptors identified in the EIA process are presented in table below for all planned and unplanned activities in addition to take natural disasters into consideration:

Table 14: Environmental and Socio-economic Aspect Matrix

Receptor / Activity		Physical					Biological			OHS	Socio-economic						Other		
		Air Quality	Noise	Soil	Groundwater	Hydrology	Landscape / Topography	Flora (habitats)	Birds		Reptiles & Mammals	PHS	Population	Land Use	Workforce & Employment	Utilities & Infrastructure		Transport & Traffic	Cultural & Archaeology Heritage
<i>Planned Activities</i>																			
Construction	Access road to site	●	●	●			●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	
	Accommodations	●	●	●			●	●		●		●		●	●	●		●	
	Haulage	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●			●	●	●		●	
	Site survey	●	●					●						●		●		●	
	Site soil Investiagation	●	●	●	●	●		●			●			●			●		
	Clearing and grading	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●
	Trenching & detching	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●			●	●		●	●
	Excavation & digging	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●			●	●		●	●
	Earthworks	●	●	●			●	●		●	●	●			●				●
	Mobilization/demobilization of labour & equipment	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●		●
	Structures construction	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●
	Waste generated from construction activities			●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●
	Wastewater generated by site workers			●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●
Operation	Wastewater discharge			●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	
	Municipal solid waste handling	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	
	Hazardous/chemical waste storage and disposal	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●

Receptor / Activity		Physical					Biological			OHS	Socio-economic						Other	
		Air Quality	Noise	Soil	Groundwater	Hydrology	Landscape / Topography	Flora (habitats)	Birds		Reptiles & Mammals	PHS	Population	Land Use	Workforce & Employment	Utilities & Infrastructure		Transport & Traffic
	Chemical / oil storage	●		●		●		●	●	●	●	●		●				●
	Vehicles operation	●	●								●	●		●		●		●
	Maintenance activities	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●
Decommissioning	Equipment Dismantling		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●		●
	Demolishing	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●		●
	Fence Removal		●					●			●	●		●		●		●
	Excavation & backfilling	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●
Unplanned Project Activities																		
Construction	Vehicle collision	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●
	Spill of chemicals or liquid fuels	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					●
	Ignitions of flammable materials / accidental fires	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●
Operation	Vehicle collision	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●
	Spill of chemicals or liquid fuels	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					●
	Ignitions of flammable materials / accidental fires	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●
Natural Disasters																		
Construction	Earthquake "Seismic Activities"		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Flooding			●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	

Receptor / Activity		Physical					Biological			OHS	Socio-economic					Other		
		Air Quality	Noise	Soil	Groundwater	Hydrology	Landscape / Topography	Flora (habitats)	Birds		Reptiles & Mammals	PHS	Population	Land Use	Workforce & Employment		Utilities & Infrastructure	Transport & Traffic
Operation	Earthquake "Seismic Activities"		●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Flooding			●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●			

8. ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The analysis of project alternatives is one of the main tenets of environmental impact policy and procedures world-wide. A thorough, unbiased and transparent assessment of alternatives from an environmental, social, technical and economic standpoint is one of the most important contributions an ESIA can make to improve decision making.

The analysis for this project contains options/alternatives which are the “No Project” versus “Project” alternative in addition to other energy resources alternatives, however, the project location is selected by MDA.

By considering these alternatives prior to the commencement of Project activities, environmental and social project benefits can be maximized and potential challenges can be identified and addressed.

Table 15 below presents the symbols that denote the various levels of environmental impact to aid in the comparison of alternatives. Each symbol indicates an overall evaluation of the specified environmental component and social aspect.

Table 15: Evaluation Symbols for Levels of Environmental and Social Impact

Symbol	Description
X	Denotes potential for impact, which is not considered significant
S-	Denotes Potential Significant Adverse Impact
S+	Denotes Potential Significant Beneficial Impact
*	Denotes no change to the existing situation

8.1. The ‘Project’ Vs the ‘No Project’ Alternative

The “No Project” option considers the alternative of not conducting the project at all. It is normally evaluated to assess the impacts if the project does not go ahead. This alternative is evaluated against the implementation of solar energy project as one of the renewable energy resources in Jordan.

Table 16 is presenting the methodology of evaluation the overall impacts and 'symbol' takes into consideration that a degree of mitigation is applied.

Going forward with the proposed project alternative is considered the best possible option as opposed to 'No Project' since the proposed project is considered a green and environmental solution for energy generation in Jordan as the solar energy considered as renewable clean technology with no emissions as well as the global and local trend for energy generation.

Table 16: Comparison of overall environmental impacts as a result of the Proposed Project against the 'No-Project' Alternative

Environmental Components	Project Options	
	Proposed Project	No-Project Alternative
Terrestrial Ecology	S-	*
Air Quality	*	*
Noise Generation	*	*
Wastewater Generation	S-	*
Waste Generation / Disposal	S-	*
Soil & Groundwater	*	*
Health & Safety	S-	*
Socio-economic Impacts	S+	X
Traffic Disturbance	X	*
Land Use	S+	S-
Archaeology / Cultural Property	X	*
Energy Production	S+	S-
Employment and Job Oppertunity	S+	S-
Notes:		
X : Denotes potential for impact, which is not considered significant		
S- : Denotes Potential Significant Adverse Impact		
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8.2. Electricity Source Alternatives

The energy demand in Jordan and in the world increasing rapidly, then in order to face this increasing Jordan government has been issued in December 2007 "Updated Master Strategy of Energy Sector in Jordan for the period (2007-2020)" which entitled as Energy Strategy 2020, The energy strategy expected that the demand increasing according to two scenarios: high and low scenario related to the increasing growth rate.

Figure 53 presents the demand scenarios in collaborate with the growth rate, in the following the description of these scenarios:

- The demand for primary energy for the year 2007 about 7858 thousand for the high demand scenario and 17108 thousand in the year 2020 i.e. an expected growth rate of 6.2% during the period (2007-2020).
- The demand for primary energy according to the low scenario in the year 2007 is about 7450 thousand to raise in the year 2020 to 13057 thousand at an annual growth rate of 4.5% for the period (2007-2020).

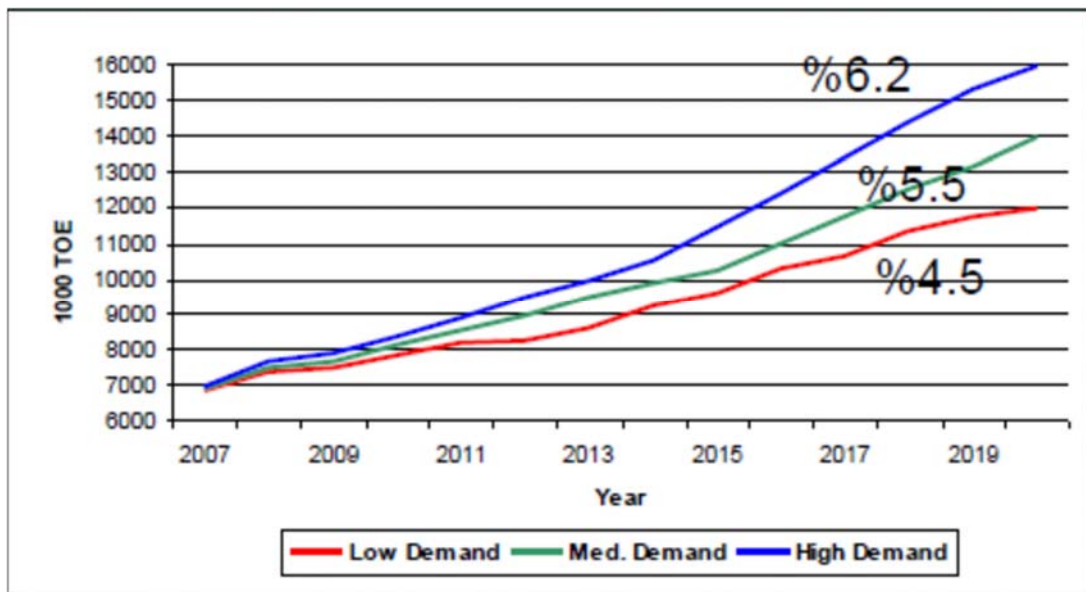


Figure 53: Energy demand increasing rates.

The Energy strategy 2020 planning to increase the renewable energy as a clean technology for energy generation to cover 10% of total demand, as well as increase the local energy resources share to 39% of the total demand as illustrate in the figure below.

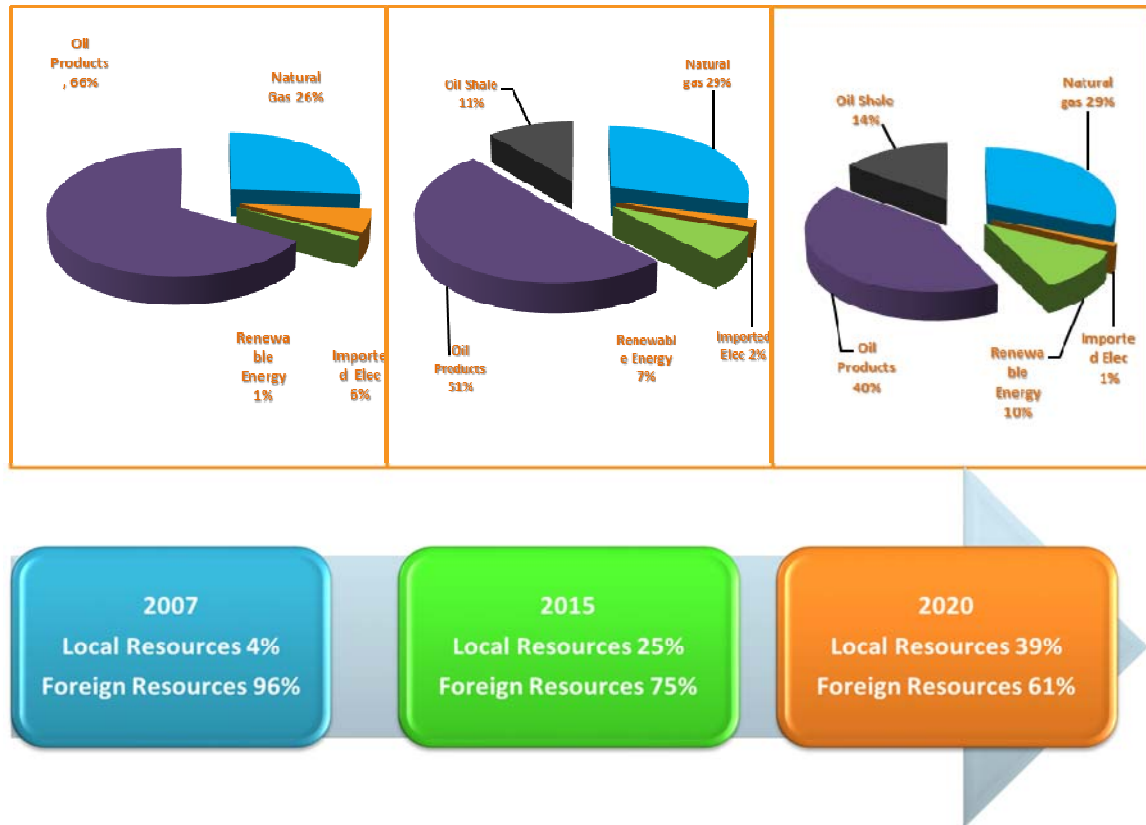


Figure 54: The Energy strategy up to the Year 2020

As all above the demand increasing force the government to find additional energy resources and these resources could be conventional and renewable resources, so the using the solar energy is one of the preferable option with less impact than the conventional resources, furthermore, it is considered as green option for Jordan with high sunshine days and land availability, in the following the main reasons to use solar energy instead the conventional:

- Solar power is pollution-free during use.
- Production end-wastes and emissions are manageable using existing pollution controls.
- End-of-use recycling technologies are under development and policies are being produced that encourage recycling from producers.¹
- PV installations can operate for 100 years or even more¹ with little maintenance or intervention after their initial set-up.
- Grid-connected solar electricity can be used locally thus reducing transmission/distribution losses.
- Compared to fossil and nuclear energy sources, very little research money has been invested in the development of solar cells, so there is considerable room for improvement.
- High efficiency.

9. PV PROJECT LIFECYCLE GHG EMISSIONS

Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) and Green House Gas emission inventories are conducted to better understand a project's environmental burden from 'cradle to grave' and also to aid in comparison between different energy technologies (for example, PV plant compared to traditional coal fired power plant). The LCA looks at the GHG emissions associated with every step of the PV project's lifecycle including the upstream (manufacturing) processes, operational processes during the life of the project and downstream processes including system decommissioning and disposal. This cradle-to-grave (and sometimes cradle-to-cradle when certain components are reused) approach is illustrated in the diagram below generated by the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2011).

The life-cycle of photovoltaics starts from the extraction of raw materials (cradle) and ends with the disposal (grave) or recycling and recovery (cradle) of the PV components (Figure 1).

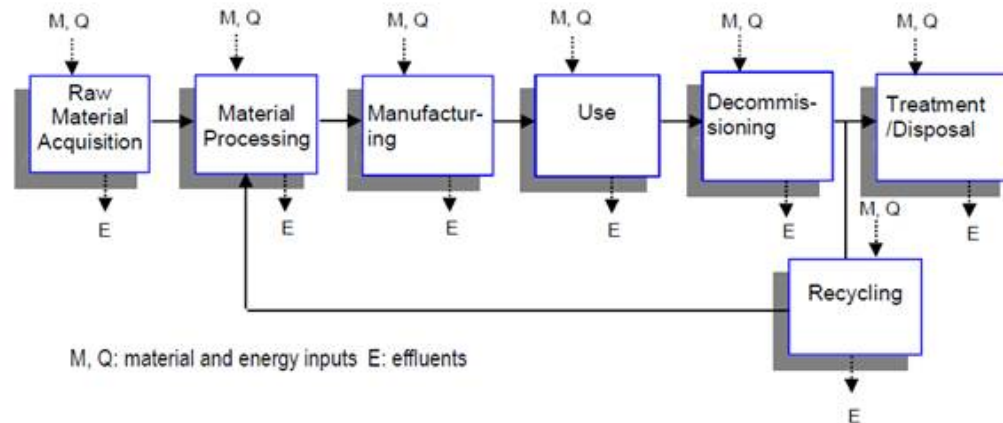


Figure 55: Material and energy inputs / outputs during the PV project lifecycle from cradle to grave (or cradle) (IEA.2011)

Based on a desktop review of relevant sources by renowned international organizations like the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2011) and the US based National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL, 2012), benchmarks for lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for PV technology are presented in this section. In both cases, the lifecycle GHG emissions for PV projects have been generated based on the following information and assumptions:

- Analysis of the lifecycle emissions for the most widely used PV systems including Crystalline Silicone (c-Si) (both mono and multi-crystalline) and Thin Film (TF) (however for thin film there is less available robust data globally).
- The analysis includes all stages of the upstream process: material extraction, material production, module manufacture (input / output energy and materials during manufacturing of cell, wafer, module, and balance-of-system), System/plant component manufacture, installation/plant construction.
- This is followed by GHG analysis duration operation activities which include power generation and system/plant operation and maintenance

- Finally the LCA considers emissions during system/plant decommissioning , disposal and recycling –where applicable.
- The NREL has conducted a Harmonization Project (2012) based on the outcomes of hundreds of published LCA studies over the past 30 years, where the following parameters and assumptions were harmonized to provide accurate and transparent estimates for GHG emissions from PV systems. These are:
 - Solar Irradiation 1700-2400 kwh/m2/yr
 - System lifetime at 30 years
 - Crystalline Module Efficiency at 14% and 13.2% respectively for mono and multi-crystalline modules , respectively
 - Performance ration of 0.8 for ground-mounted systems

Based on the above, the GHG emissions from PV systems has been found to be about **40 g CO₂eq/kwh** compared to 1000 g CO₂eq/kwh for traditional coal fired electric power plants as illustrated below.

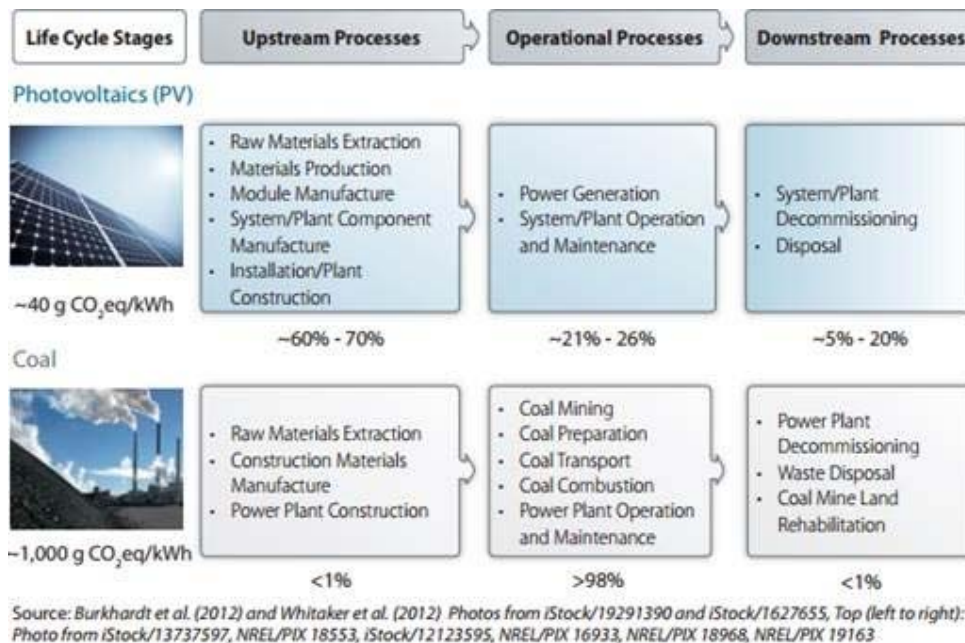


Figure 56: Lifecycle GHG emissions for PV systems compared to coal fired electric power plants

It is important to note that most of the emissions associated with PV systems are attributed to the material and energy intensive upstream process including extraction and manufacturing. Operational emissions account for 20% of the PV system’s lifecycle GHG emissions however this number could even be lower for a country like Jordan where the solar irradiation would be higher than the assumed 1700 kwh/m2/yr reaching up to 2800 kwh/m2/yr in the project area near Ma’an as can be seen in the figure below.

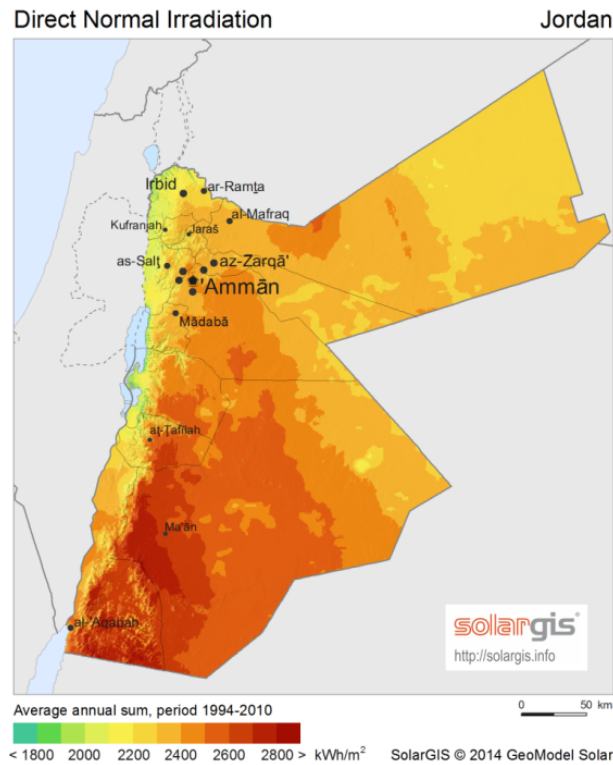


Figure 57: Jordan solar irradiation map in (kwh/m²/yr) (Source: solargis)

Similarly, the study prepared by the IEA (2011) reflects a similar but slightly lower range of GHG emissions for the key PV technologies at about 30 g CO₂eq/kwh, as illustrated below. However the variation may be attributed to the fact that the figure below is based on roof-mounted PV systems where the BOS (Balance of System including module support, cabling and power conditioning) may differ for ground mounted PV, which is the case for our project. In addition, these studies do not specifically differentiate between the GHG LCA for tracking vs non-tracking systems, where there may be a slightly higher operational GHG emissions for tracking systems as is the case for the project at hand.

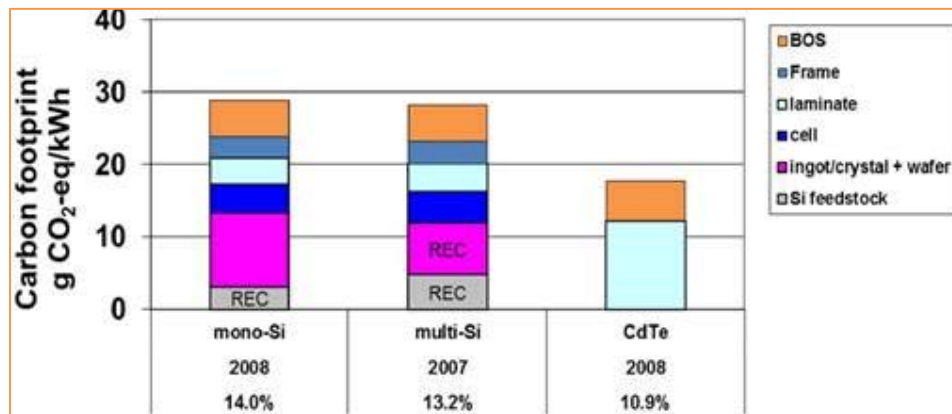


Figure 58: Carbon foot print of crystalline and thin-film roof mounted PV systems (IEA, 2011)

In addition, the IFC for its own investment purposes assumes the following conservative default emissions factors for the non-operational aspects of renewable energy projects which included GHG emissions during production, transportation, installation, disposal and leakage beyond the project boundary). These are summarized in the table below:

Renewable Energy Type	tCO2e/MW
Wind	16.80
PV Solar	29.20
Hydro (Small/ Run-of-River)	24.18
Biomass	34.96

Figure 59: IFC Renewable Energy Factors

Based on the above, for this 10 MW project, 292 ton equivalent of CO2 (tCO2e)/yr are expected from “other emissions” (as opposed to operational emissions) over the lifetime of the project (IFC, 2011)

Generally speaking, however, renewable energy systems including PV power plants are considered to be climate change mitigation projects in the sense that their deployment results in an overall reduction of GHG emissions. as they tend to replace more carbon-intensive technologies like the coal or heavy-fuel fired electric power plants. This is the case in Jordan where grid-connected PV systems result in offsetting electrical power that is otherwise produced by fuel powered electric power plant. The latest Carbon Emissions Estimation Tool (CEET) issued by the IFC indicates the following emission factor for a kwh of electricity produced the grid in Jordan:

637.42 g CO₂eq/kwh, compared to the 40 g g CO₂eq/kwh associated with the PV lifecycle GHG emission mentioned above roughly shows the reduction potential of such projects.

This mitigation dimension of PV projects is captured by parameters like the Energy Payback Time (EPBT), which is defined by the IEA as “the period for a renewable energy system to generate he same amount of energy (in terms of primary energy equivalent) that was used to produce the system itself”, which is captured by the following equation

$$\text{Energy Payback Time (EPBT)} = (E_{\text{mat}} + E_{\text{manuf}} + E_{\text{trans}} + E_{\text{inst}} + E_{\text{EOL}}) / ((E_{\text{agen}} / \eta_G) - E_{\text{aoper}})$$

where,

E_{mat} : Primary energy demand to produce materials comprising PV system

E_{manuf} : Primary energy demand to manufacture PV system

E_{trans} : Primary energy demand to transport materials used during the life cycle

- E_{inst} : Primary energy demand to install the system
- E_{EOL} : Primary energy demand for end-of-life management
- E_{agen} : Annual electricity generation
- E_{aoper} : Annual energy demand for operation and maintenance in primary energy terms
- η_G : Grid efficiency, the average primary energy to electricity conversion efficiency at the demand side

Applying the above equation to the common PV systems, the IEA study indicates an average EPBT of around 1.5 years for these projects. This number is likely to be lower for this project considering that higher efficiency modules that will be used.

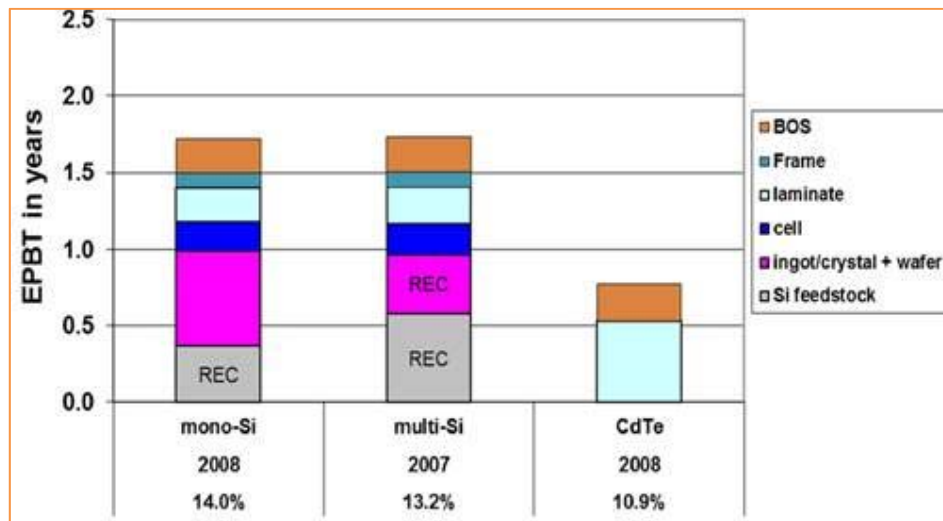


Figure 60: Energy payback time (EPBT) for PV technologies (Source: IEA,2011)

10. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An impact assessment has been undertaken following the full characterization of the environmental, social and health baseline, and identification of all project aspects. The scope of the assessment covers all Project areas and was undertaken in accordance with relevant MoEnv regulations and applicable local, national and international standards and guidelines.

10.1. Approach and Methodology

Initially, Project environmental, social and economic and health aspects were identified for the proposed activities. The activities were considered in terms of their potential to:

- Interact with the environment (physical, biological, socio-economic); and
- Breach the conditions of relevant national and international standards and guidelines or company policy.

The environmental, socio-economic and engineering information and data gathered, collated and reviewed during the baseline and aspect identification tasks were systematically developed to prepare matrices of key Project activities and environmental, social, health and economic receptors. This allowed for a preliminary assessment of the key environmental and socio-economic issues, or 'key issues' associated with the Project to be completed.

When assessing impacts the following were considered:

- Positive or negative impacts
- Impacts occurring directly or indirectly from Project activities
- Magnitude of impact
- Public health and safety risks
- Geographical extent of the effect
- Duration and frequency of the impact
- Sensitivities of the receiving environment over the entire project area
- Potential significance
- Residual impacts

Figure 61 below illustrates the EIA process adopted during the EIA study phases.

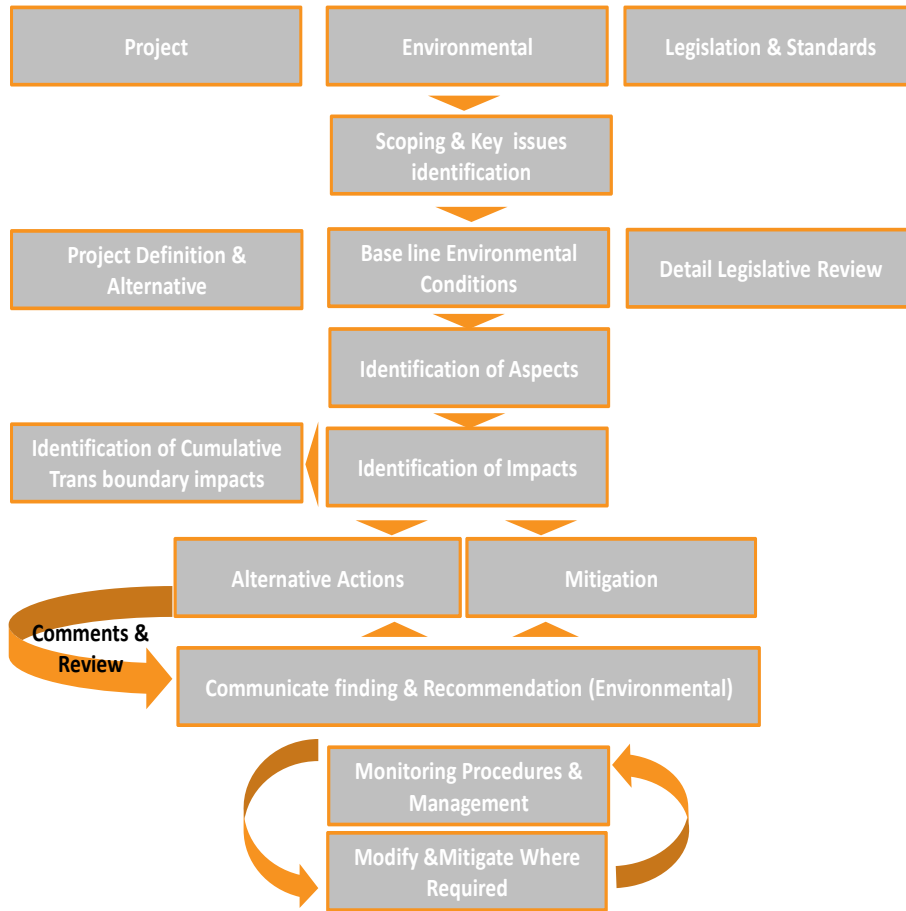


Figure 61: EIA Process

As part of the assessment, the potential cumulative effects were considered, taking into account other developments (if any) in the local area.

Once all of the project environmental and socioeconomic impacts have been assessed, the significance of the impacts was ranked by considering the following elements:

- **The consequence** of identified events: the resulting effect (positive or negative) of an activity’s interaction with legal, natural and/or socioeconomic environments; and
- **Likelihood**: the likelihood that an activity will occur.

Agreed criteria were defined for each level of consequence and each level of likelihood and the significance of the impact associated with each identified aspect is the product of the consequence and likelihood. It should be noted that the assessment has been conducted by considering the mitigation measures normally designed into / included in the project.

The following sections briefly describe the consequence, likelihood, and significance criteria.

10.1.1 Consequence

To assign a level of consequence to each environmental and social impact, criteria are defined for environmental and socio-economic consequence or severity. Legal issues are embedded in both criteria sets. The consequence categories and their ranking are presented in **Table 17**.

Table 17: Consequence Categories and Rankings

Consequence	Ranking	Description
Catastrophic	5	Massive effect – Persistent severe environmental damage or severe nuisance extending over a large area. In terms of commercial or recreational use or nature conservation, a major economic loss for the Company. Constant, high exceedance of statutory or prescribed limits, high profile community outrage.
Severe	4	Major effect – Severe environmental damage. The Company is required to take extensive measures to restore polluted or damaged environment to its original state. Extended breaches of statutory or prescribed limits, and serious community concern and complaints.
Critical	3	Localised effect – Limited discharges of known toxicity, considerable community concern and/or complaints. Repeated breaches of statutory or prescribed limit. Affecting neighbourhood. Spontaneous recovery of limited damage within one year.
Marginal	2	Minor effect – Contamination. Damage sufficiently large to damage the environment, some community concern raised. Single exceedance of statutory or prescribed criterion. No permanent effect on the environment.
Negligible	1	Slight effect – Local environmental damage. Within the fence and within systems. Negligible financial severity.
None	0	No impact
Positive	+	Beneficial impact – enhances the environment

It should be noted that it is often difficult to compare impacts consistently across different natural and socio-economic environments. When evaluating the environmental and socio-economic aspects, emphasis was placed on specific cause and effect relationships.

Scientific evidence as well as predictions based on observation of previous similar activities can and have been used in the impact assessment process. Where it has not been possible to fully quantify the effect that an activity may have on the environment or a component of the environment, or where there is a lack of scientific knowledge, qualitative judgment has been used. Such judgments is based on a full understanding of the project activities, and the team's knowledge of the environment, social structure and general health aspects of the region in which the project's activities will occur.

10.1.2 Likelihood

To assign likelihood to each activity, five categories are defined and ranked. The criteria for likelihood are shown in **Table 18**.

Table 18: Likelihood Categories and Rankings

Category	Ranking	Definition
Certain	5	The activity will occur under normal operating conditions
Very Likely	4	The activity is very likely to occur under normal operational conditions
Likely	3	The activity is likely to occur at some time under normal operating conditions
Unlikely	2	The activity is unlikely to but may occur at some time under normal operating conditions
Very Unlikely	1	The activity is very unlikely to occur under normal operating conditions but may occur in exceptional circumstances

10.1.3 Significance

The significance of the impact is expressed as the product of the consequence and likelihood of occurrence of the activity, expressed as follows:

$$\text{Significance} = \text{Consequence} \times \text{Likelihood}$$

Figure 62 illustrates all possible product results for the five consequence and likelihood categories.

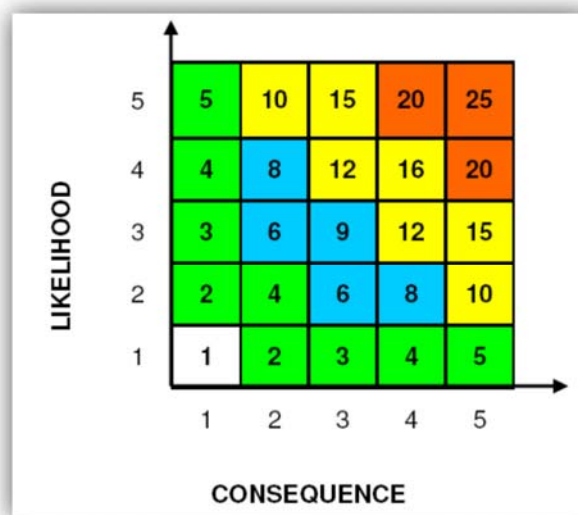


Figure 62: Product Results for Consequence & Likelihood Categories

Based on its consequence-likelihood score, each environmental aspect has been ranked into five categories by order of significance as illustrated in

Table 19: Significance Categories

Ranking (Consequence X Likelihood)	Significance
>16	Critical
10-16	High
6-9	Medium
2-5	Low
<2	Negligible

To assist in determining and calculating the significance of an impact, impact assessment matrices has been developed based on the aspect identification exercise.

10.1.4 Residual Impact

Residual impacts are impacts that remain after mitigation measures, including those incorporated into the project's base case design in addition to those developed as part of the base design.

The residual impacts assessment identifies which project activities are likely to result in a semi-permanent to permanent change in the natural (i.e. physical, biological) and/or socio-economic environments. The significance of this change has also been assessed.

10.2. Potential Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

This section identifies and, where appropriate, quantifies the primary biophysical effects expected to result from construction, operation and retrofit/decommissioning of the Solar Power Plant.

Every identified aspect was assessed in terms of its potential to cause an impact on natural and/or socio-economic receptors and was subsequently ranked in terms of consequence and likelihood, thus enabling the determination of the overall significance of the impact.

In general, solar power plants have recently proved to be sustainable and safe around the world, given that they do not cause the release of air pollutants or global warming emissions, and are considered economically viable.

This section will address the potential environmental and social impacts specific to this project.

The section is structured according to the main issues and effects resulting from the proposed project activities across the following project phases:

- **Construction Phase:** This involves all activities for the construction of the solar power plant.

- **Operation Phase:** This refers to the solar power plant operation processes.
- **Retrofit or Decommissioning Phase:** Following the operation phase, determination as to whether the facility can be retrofitted i.e. upgrade and addition to new technology will be determined. If retrofitting did not turn out to be feasible, then decommissioning activity will take place. Decommissioning activities are anticipated to be similar to construction; therefore, the potential impacts will be quite similar.

10.2.1 Physical Environment

Air Quality

Construction Phase

The main impacts associated with construction activities will be:

- 1) **Dust generation:** resulting from earthworks such as leveling, grading, excavation works and movement of vehicles across dirt/unpaved roads, especially during windy conditions. The project developer shall be committed to control emitted dust from such operations through the proposed dust emission control procedures described in the environmental and social management plan (ESMP) included in this report.
- 2) **Exhaust emissions:** Exhaust emissions of SO₂, NO_x, CO, CO₂, and PM₁₀ will be attributed predominantly to the operation of the construction plant and road vehicles such as movement of trucks and vehicles during construction works. These emissions will be limited to the project area and are anticipated to be generated in small concentrations and dispersed rapidly within the area leading to an impact of low significance. This means that these effects are localized and temporary which implies that any deterioration in air quality at project location is unlikely to be significant and is expected to be transient.

Based on the above, local degradation of the ambient air quality during construction is considered to be with a likelihood of **likely (3)** and **negligible (1)** Consequence with an overall **low (3)** Impact significance.

Operation Phase

No emissions are expected to be released during the operation phase, due to the fact that solar PV power plants do not release greenhouse gases or any toxic pollutants during their operation, as a result, no impacts on ambient air quality are anticipated during the operation phase.

It is worth mentioning that solar power plants have very low air emissions of air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide during operations compared to fossil fuel power generation facilities, since solar power plants do not involve combustion processes. Therefore, this impact is considered **negligible (1)**. Therefore, no mitigation measures are needed.

Decommissioning Phase

Similar to construction, the decommissioning phase is anticipated to generate dust and exhaust emissions. Decommissioning activities will involve site preparation, dismantling and disassembling of the components of the solar power plant facility, clearance of the site, and rehabilitation if needed.

Similarly, local degradation of air quality is expected on a limited and temporary level. As a result, the impact is considered **likely (3)**, with a **negligible (1)** given the temporary nature of decommissioning, yielding an overall **low (3)** impact significance.

Noise

Construction Phase

Construction activities for solar power plant will contribute to noise impacts. There are several noise generating activities such as opening access roads to construction personnel camp and facilities (if needed), earthworks, haulage activities, excavation, backfilling, and installation of PV panels, and other equipment within the facility in addition to noise sources generated from machinery and equipment on site.

The closest community to the project area is the city of Ma'an which is approximately 8 km away from the industrial park. Hence, it can be considered that the only people who could potentially be impacted by the noise are the employees working within the project site; these increased noise levels are considered occupational noises that require occupational health and safety measures. In addition to this, some reptiles and mammals, within the project area can potentially be driven away from the site due to the sound levels.

However, these noise impacts are not considered to significantly harm animals nor cause impacts on a population level.

Since the activities will occur under normal operating conditions and are expected to have only localized and temporary effects within the project area, the impact likelihood is **very likely (4)** with a **negligible (1)** consequence, thus the impact significance is **low (4)**.

Operation Phase

The solar power as a facility is not considered to exhibit any significant noisy operations, although the facility's inverters and transformers may produce noise, but this is not considered a serious issue, since they will not generate any significant noise. In addition, there will be no close by sensitive receptors such as labor camps or residential dwellings within the project site.

In addition, noise generated from inverters is only heard when distance is close (i.e. within 1-2 m, however, as distance increases, noise will be greatly reduced, not to mention that they do not generate noise during night time.

As a result, the impact is very unlikely (1), with a negligible (1) consequence, thus, the overall significance is **negligible (<2)**. Therefore, no mitigation measures are needed.

Decommissioning Phase

The decommissioning activities of dismantling the solar power plant and removing the ancillary facilities are associated with potential increased noise levels.

However, as the only receptors will be the workers at the site and within the proposed facilities within the vicinity of the solar power plant, these increased noise levels are considered occupational noises that require occupational health and safety measures. For any potential receptors other than the workers, the impact likelihood is **likely (3)**, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, thus it is of **low (3)** significance since it is considered to be temporary.

Soil

Construction Phase

Construction activities are not expected to result in significant soil loss; however excavation, leveling and other earthworks may disturb the soil due to the removal of top soil, which could trigger soil erosion process.

The other source of impact to soil is waste generation from construction material, accidental leakage of fuel, oil, or chemicals stored within a bunded area causing direct contamination to soil which may degrade lower layers of soil depending on the amount of spills.

Assuming that spill response plans shall be in place by the contractor, it is anticipated that impacts to soil resulting from these activities will be **likely (3)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, yielding a **medium (6)** impact significance.

Operation Phase

Soil impacts during operation phase are limited to accidental spillage of lubricant, fuel and other chemicals that may potentially cause soil degradation. However, since the project area is designated for solar projects within MDA, they do not have any agricultural significance.

Through implementing spill response procedures, and proper storage and handling of any chemicals on site, the impact probability will be reduced.

Therefore, this impact is **unlikely (2)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, yielding an overall **low (2)** impact significance.

Decommissioning Phase

During the decommissioning phase, the decommissioning activities are anticipated to have an impact of medium significance to soil. This is due to possible accidental leakage of fuel, oil, or chemicals during demolition activities. Therefore, proper environmental protection measures should be followed to prevent or control the occurrence of such incidences.

The impact likelihood is **likely (3)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, the impact assessment is considered to be **medium (6)**.

Visual Amenity

Construction Phase

The construction activities that are likely to create a visual intrusion and a disruption to aesthetics include: materials lay down, excavation, backfilling, and spoil.

The project site consists of areas that are sparsely vegetated or have no vegetative covers, and hence no trees or bushes will need to be removed as part of construction. Also, there are no close communities that would be within the visual radius of the project. Therefore visual intrusions are anticipated to be limited to employees. Hence, the visual effects of the construction will be of low significance within the project area and largely limited to effect only employees living in the company's temporary camp facilities during construction (if any).

The impact likelihood is **likely (3)**, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, the impact assessment is considered to be **low (3)**.

Operation Phase

The presence of a large area of PV panels is not expected to constitute a risk for glare since it is situated far from any airports, nor residential dwellings, moreover, no potential visual disturbance to birds are expected given the fact that IBAs located are far from the project area (almost 16 km away), and as a result, there is no migratory bird flyway over the project area.

Therefore, it is not anticipated that visual impacts will be generated due to the PV system design, which is specifically designed to include dark, light-absorbing materials and covered with an anti-reflective coating (ARC) for glass surfaces, which reduces the reflectance from PV panels to 2.5%-2.6% while at the same time improving their efficiency.

As a result, the reflectance of the PV modules is comparable to that of water or black asphalt; therefore, the project developer will select PV modules that are unlikely to constitute a risk for glare.

This technology utilized on the PV modules not only minimizes glare, but is also designed to trap more light, which gives the PV system a characteristic of being primarily absorptive, which make them suitable to be installed at airports.

It is essential to point out that the intensity of light reflected from a PV module surface depends on factors such as the amount of sunlight reaching the surface and will therefore vary based on, among others, geographic location, time of year, cloud cover, and PV module orientation.

Based on the above assessment, visual impacts from the Solar power plant is considered **unlikely (2)** given that PV panels have very minimal reflectance, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, thus an overall impact significance of **low (2)**.

Decommissioning Phase

During the dismantling of the solar power plant, removal of ancillary facilities, and the rehabilitation of the project area (if needed), visual intrusions will be likely but their consequence will be negligible due to fact that such impact would be temporary (over a short period). Moreover, the actual dismantling of the solar power plant will reduce or remove the visual impacts witnessed during the operation phase.

Therefore, the impact likelihood is **very unlikely (1)** given that there will be remediation procedures on site, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, yielding an overall **negligible (<2)** impact.

Waste Generation

Construction Phase

Improper management of non-hazardous and hazardous waste generated during construction may lead to impacts on soil, water, visual environment, in addition to health and safety of workers.

Non-hazardous waste includes paper, wood, plastic, scrap metals, glass and mud.

Hazardous waste includes absorbent material, batteries, tires, metal drums, empty chemical containers, waste oil from machinery lubricants, etc.

All waste generated at construction site will be managed as per Contractor's Waste Management procedures. Domestic wastewater generated at site will be collected in septic tanks. These shall be transported to the nearest approved municipal wastewater treatment facility, and solid wastes shall be disposed of in a secured area for trash.

The impact likelihood is **likely (3)** and consequence is **marginal (2)**, therefore, the impact significance is assessed as **medium (6)**.

Operation Phase

Waste generated during operation phase will be limited to wastewater from maintenance and cleaning activities in addition to domestic waste (due to workers domestic activities).

Also domestic wastewater generated at site will be collected in septic tanks. These shall be transported to the nearest approved municipal wastewater treatment facility.

Waste generation during the operation phase is considered part of daily operations, therefore, it is not considered to have any significant impacts to the environment or health of personnel present on site given that the number of personnel on site during operations will be minimal (less than 5 persons).

Therefore, the impact likelihood is assessed as **very unlikely (1)**, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, yielding a **negligible (<2)** impact significance.

Decommissioning Phase

Waste generated during decommissioning limited to non-hazardous and inert wastes such as scrap metals, paper, wood, plastic, given that the contractor will adhere his waste management procedures.

Similar to the construction phase, potential generation of hazardous waste includes absorbent material, batteries, tires, metal drums, empty chemical containers, waste oil from machinery lubricants, etc.

It is not expected that hazardous wastes will be generated from dismantling the solar power plant since the project developer will opt for recycling PV panels of the facility.

Therefore, the impact of waste generation is considered **unlikely (2)**, with a consequence of **marginal (2)** during to this temporary phase, given that specific waste management procedures will be implemented on site, yielding an overall impact significance of **low (4)**.

Water Resources

The water resources impact are divided in ground and surface water resources., the impact assesmnt for both are below sections:

Construction Phase

Surface water

The MDA prepared a hydroloic and hydrology analysis report. The hydrology anaylsis was built based on the data received from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation included locations of dams and other water harvesting structures, meteorological stations, wells location, and base flows and floods in wadis in the Ma'an municipality. The information have been filtered in order to identify the locations of different water sources within or affecting the catchment area of the project site, as shown in the below figure.

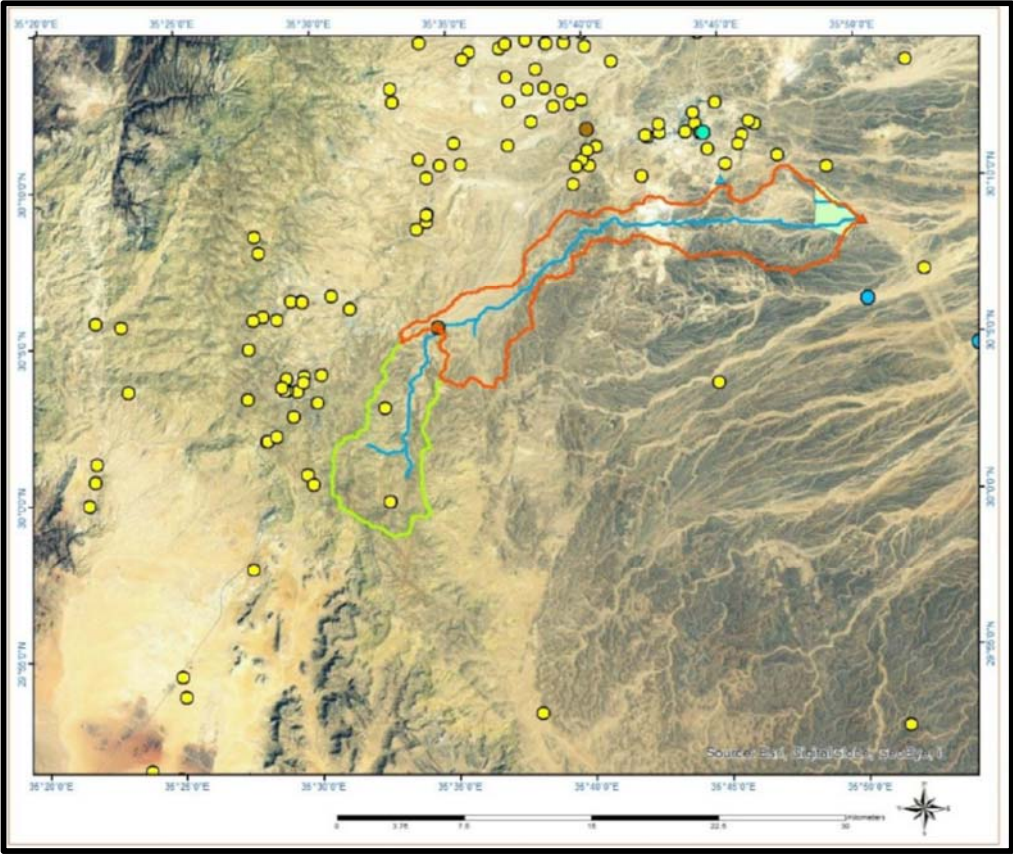


Figure 63: Map of wells, rainfall and water level measuring stations

The proposed road passing through the site cuts the wadis. These intersection points need to be looked at to avoid water overflowing and damaging the street. In order to carefully study the flow paths on site, WMS software was used to predict flow accumulation according to 0.5m contours collected by the project surveyor. Figure below shows the critical points (in Red) where hydraulic structure will be needed as shown in the next figure..

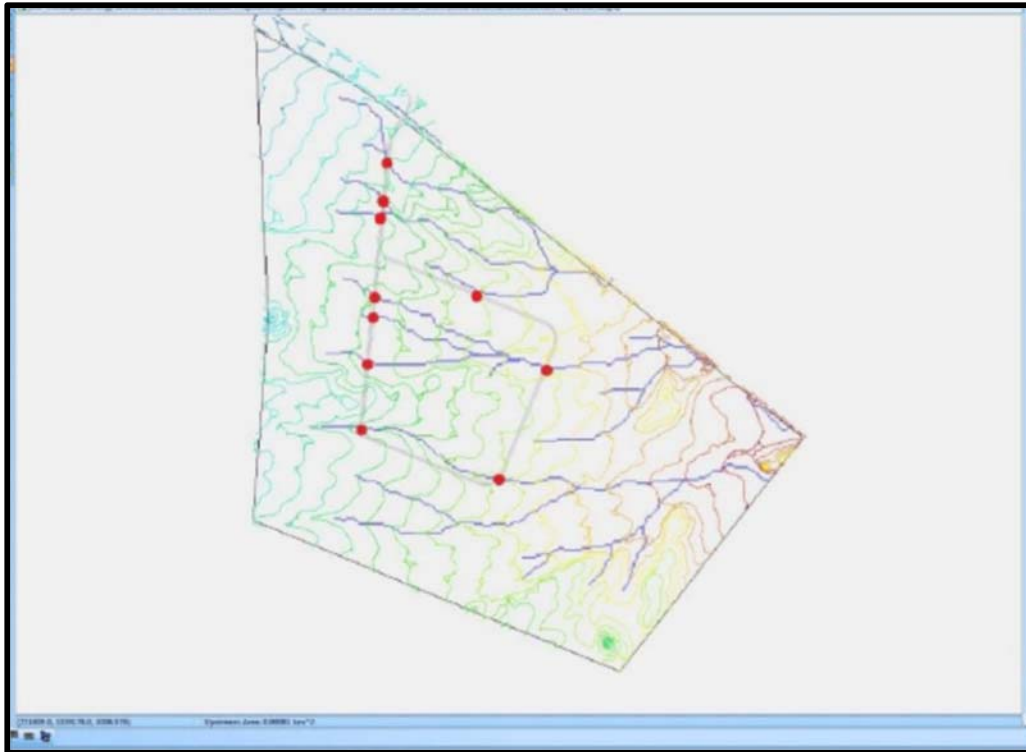


Figure 64: WMS Simulation for Wadi and Road intersection Points

The Model calculated the peak flow and the design for water protection structures is necessary. There already exist culverts onsite that help drain water from the site, however, the proposed service road should be protected from possible flooding. The flow paths onsite have been predicted using WMS software to identify the location of high flooding risk where the mitigation measures to eliminate the risk in the ESMP in next section.

A conservative approach was taken to estimate the number, type, and location of needed culverts. The peak flow of the site was assumed to be passing through the proposed road. Culvert Master, a widely used hydraulic design software, was used to estimate the dimension and number of the needed culverts for the peak flow of $22\text{m}^3/\text{s}$. The street profile was studied to determine the best location of the culverts. The total number of culverts came out to be 10, distributed at wadi and road intersections according to calculated flow. Figure below show the location of culvert installation.

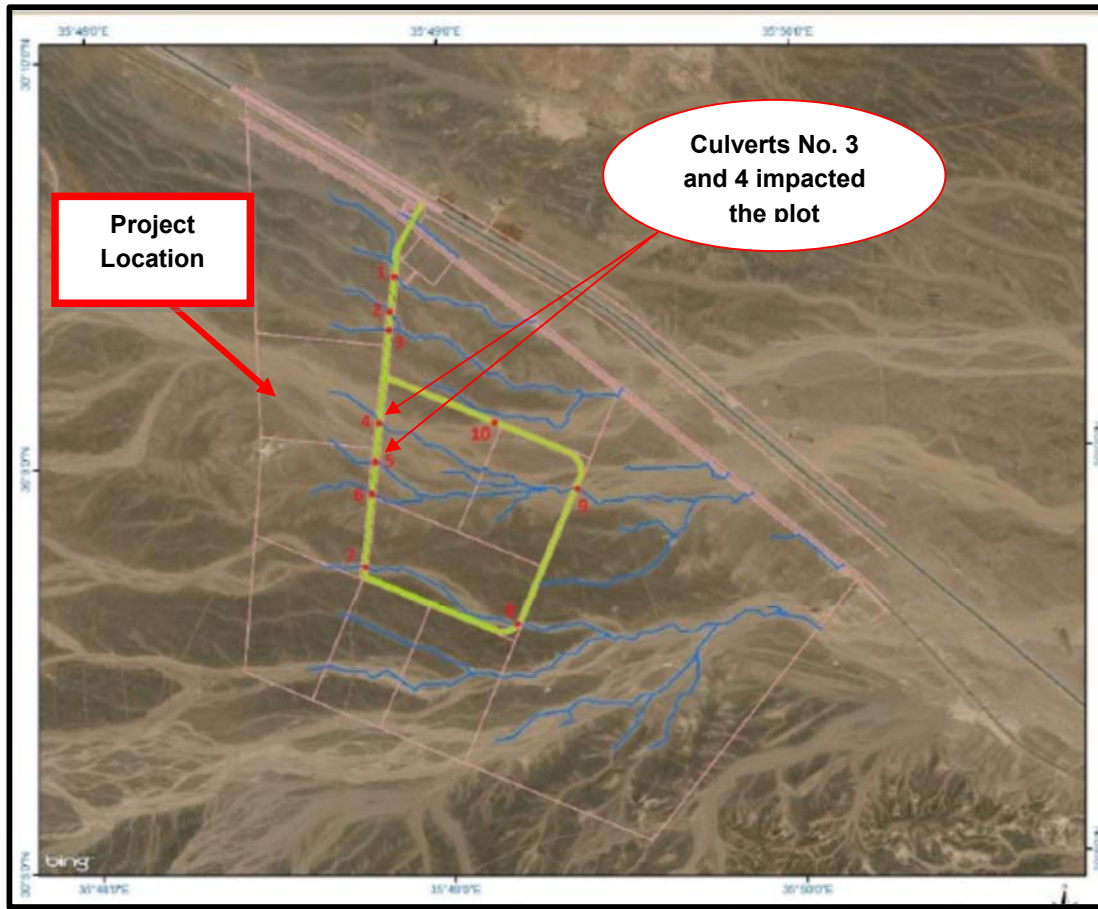


Figure 65: Culvert Location under Proposed Road

Based on the above, surface water runoff is considered a significant impact to the project and the infrastructure, in addition to the environment. Therefore, the impact likelihood is assessed as **likely (3)**, with a **Critical (3)** consequence, yielding a **Medium (9)** impact significance.

Operation and Decommissioning Phases

Potential impacts to surface water during operation and decommissioning phases are not anticipated given that fact that proposed mitigation measures will be implemented during the construction phase of the project.

Ground Water

As describe in the baseline, Current use of Jafer already exceeds the available renewable supplies and resulting in lowered water tables and deteriorating water quality, whilst, the high water table level not exceed 1100 m above the sea level.

The project activities during three phases construction, operation, and decommission will not impact the ground water since the water table level is very deep in project location,

The ground water resources during the project phases are considered insignificant impacts to the environment or health on site and ground water quality. Therefore, the impact

likelihood is assessed as **very unlikely (1)**, with a **negligible (1)** consequence, yielding a **negligible (1)** impact significance.

10.2.2 Terrestrial Ecology

Construction Phase

The activities anticipated during the construction phase will include earthworks, excavations, grading, site leveling, asphaltting, paving and the operation of construction machinery and equipment. However, according to the baseline description, the project area does not encompass natural systems, which means that no significant flora and fauna are present.

As a result, construction activities are not anticipated to pose any risks on the terrestrial ecology within or in the vicinity of the project site.

However, it may cause temporary disturbance to resident birds with ground nests due to noise, dust and particulate emissions, and possible illegal hunting by construction workers. Moreover, reptiles present within the project site may temporarily move to adjacent locations during construction activities; however they are expected to return back as construction is completed.

Due to the absence of terrestrial habitats within the Project area, no significant impact on terrestrial ecology is expected, therefore it is assessed as **unlikely (2)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, therefore, the impact significance is **low (4)**.

Operation Phase

As discussed above, and given that the project area does not encompass any natural systems and is characterized with sparsely vegetated wadis supporting low population sizes of desert dwellers

The anticipated impacts on terrestrial ecology is considered low, however, activities such as vehicular movement, may cause disturbance to resident birds and their ground nests.

However this is considered minimal, as a result the impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** with a **negligible (1)** consequence yielding **low (2)** impact significance.

Decommissioning Phase

The activities associated with decommissioning will involve dismantling of the solar power plant and removal of its facilities.

This is a temporary phase that could result in some additional noise and dust disturbances. These activities are not anticipated to harm any flora elements due to absence or scarcity of vegetative cover within and around project area, provided dust suppression measures and other procedures are followed. On the other hand, decommissioning activities may cause disturbance to bird species similar to what was discussed during construction.

The impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** with a marginal **consequence (2)**, thus the impact significance is considered to be **low (4)**.

10.2.3 Health and Safety

Construction Phase

The construction activities include site preparation, infrastructure utilities installation, building structures. Therefore, there will be potential impacts on workers' health and safety due to exposure to risks through construction activities that lead to accidents causing injuries and death. The most frequent risks causes of accidental death and injury are:

Safety Risks:

- Tripping due to uneven surfaces, obstacles, trailing cables: the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **marginal (2)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **medium (6)** significance.
- Falling during working at height due to fall from fragile surfaces, roof edges and ladders: the likelihood impact is **unlikely (2)** with **critical (3)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **medium (6)** significance.
- Fire due to hot works, smoking, failure in electrical installations: the impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** with **marginal (2)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be **low (4)** significance.
- Mobile plant and vehicles: the likelihood impact is very **unlikely (1)** with **Critical (3)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **low (3)** significance.
- Electrical shocks: the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **critical (3)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be **medium (9)** significance.

Health Risks

- Manual handling and musculoskeletal disorders: typical construction activities that can cause injury such as lifting, lowering, pushing, pulling and carrying, the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **marginal(2)** consequence, as result, the impact is found to be **medium (6)** significance.
- Hand-arm vibration: people work with hand-held or hand-guided power-tools and machines, such as: concrete breakers, pokers and compactors, sanders, grinders and disc cutters, hammer drills, chipping hammers, chainsaws, scrabbles and needle guns. The impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** with **marginal (2)** consequence, as result, the impact is found to be **low (4)** significance.
- Temporary or permanent hearing loss which usually comes from noise generated from machinery used for excavation or piling work and from compressors and concrete mixers etc. The impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** with **critical (3)** consequence, as result the impact is found to be **medium (6)** significance.
- Heat stress and working during high temperatures: the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **marginal (2)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be **medium (6)** significance.
- Dermatitis that can arise from contact with substances that cause dermatitis such as wet cement, asphalt, solvents used in paints, glues or other surface coatings...etc, the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **marginal (2)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be **medium (6)** significance.

Therefore, the Contractor, under the supervision of developer, will be committed to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent accidents and/or reduce the consequences of non-conformance events. The contractor shall ensure all prospect risks during construction phase are assessed and all prevention and mitigation measures are in place accordingly. The contractor shall ensure all workers during construction comply with safety producers through training, awareness and supervising. Moreover, the contractor shall provide all appropriate resources (Personnel and Equipment) onsite to ensure providing first aid for personnel in case of occurrence emergencies.

Operation Phase

During the operation phase, the risks will be quite limited due to nature of operation activities; the activities will be limited to guarding and on call and/or onsite technical support (Maintenance and cleaning). There will be potential impacts on personnel' health and safety during operation phase due to exposure to risks such as: Slipping and tripping, falling during working at height, handling wastewater, Fire...etc.

- Slipping and tripping: the impact likelihood is **very unlikely (1)** due to uneven surfaces, obstacles, trailing cables, and wet or slippery surfaces with **marginal (2)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **low (2)** significance.
- Falling during working at height is **unlikely (2)** due to fall from fragile surfaces, roof edges and ladders with **marginal (2)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **low (4)** significance.
- Fire: the impact likelihood is **unlikely (2)** due to smoking, failure in electrical installations with **marginal (2)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **low (4)** significance.
- Heat stress and working during high temperatures: the impact likelihood is **veryunlikely (1)** with **negligible (1)** Consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be **negligible (1)** significance.

Therefore, the project developer shall ensure all risks from operation activities to be assessed and to establish specific work procedures for tasks during operation phase including all safety prevention and mitigation measures to avoid non-conformance events.

Decommissioning Phase

The decommissioning activities will include equipment dismantling and demolishing facilities at project site. As all project components will be recycled after decommissioning, the prospect risks from decommissioning phase will be limited to dismantling and demolishing activities including moving all recyclable components to their final destination. There will be potential impacts on workers' health and safety due to exposure to risks through decommissioning activities as following:

- Tripping due to uneven surfaces, obstacles, trailing cables: the impact likelihood is **likely (3)** with **marginal (2)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **medium (6)** significance.

- Falling during working at height due to fall from fragile surfaces, roof edges and ladders: the likelihood impact is **unlikely (2)** with **critical (3)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **medium (6)** significance.
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Therefore, the project developer will be committed to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent accidents and/or reduce the consequences of non-conformance events. The developer shall ensure all prospect risks during decommissioning phase are assessed and all prevention and mitigations measures are in place accordingly.

10.2.4 Socio-economics

Employment Opportunities

Construction and Operation Phases

Positive benefits of the project may arise either from short-term job opportunities during construction, or long-term job opportunities during operation. It is important that construction and operation jobs to be targeted to the local people within Ma'an Governorate where feasible.

Moreover, MDA plays a significant role in the training and employment process since it is considered a one-stop-shop for investors who can obtain potential candidates through MDA according to their need. In addition, MDA currently collaborates with vocational training centers to train persons (including males and females) on several relevant topics that will enable the local community to find employment opportunities within the industrial park that are not only limited to the proposed solar projects, but to other industrial developments in the area.

As a result, the impact significance can be considered **Positive (+)**.

Decommissioning Phase

Short-term job opportunities may be arise during decommissioning, however, this can negatively impact permanent personnel at the solar power plant since the facility will cease its operations, therefore permanent staff may lose their jobs.

Although this impact is **very unlikely (1)** given that fact that an upgrade is expected for the facility during its post –design life, however, the consequence is considered **critical (3)** to permanent personnel if the facility underwent decommissioning, yielding a **low (3)** impact significance.

Economy and Society

The project is anticipated to have benefits to society since it will contribute to skill transfer to Al Hussein Bin Talal University, and will provide a clean and pollution free energy, as a result, improved public health.

Moreover, solar projects in Jordan are expected to improve Jordan's economy as more investors are attracted to the MDA area to establish clean energy projects, this will consequently provide electricity for the sectored communities within the southern parts of Jordan.

The solar projects will also lead to upgrading the economic status of the local community in addition to potential increase in land prices and improvement in welfare conditions in the long run.

Therefore, this impact is considered to be **Positive (+)**.

Traffic

Construction Phase

During the Construction Phase traffic is expected to increase to a certain degree due to the nature of activities that will take place such as the transport of equipment and materials to and from the site through the surrounding road network. Additional traffic load will be evident at certain times during the day, especially if there are slow moving heavy vehicles transporting material to and from the site.

Vehicle traffic can cause congestion on road networks around and within the site and thereby leading to potential accidents.

The above potential traffic impacts can possibly occur during the duration of construction, especially during working hours. However, this is considered a short-term impact. This impact is likely to happen but is not anticipated to cause any permanent effect on the receiving environment. Hence, the impact is **likely (3)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, as a result, the impact is found to be of **medium (6)** significance.

Operation Phase

Impacts from traffic are not expected to occur during the operation phase due to minimal number of personnel present within the project site. Therefore, increased traffic load is not considered a significant impact. As a result, the impact is very unlikely (1), with a marginal (2) consequence, yielding an overall **low (3)** impact significance.

Decommissioning Phase

The anticipated impacts during decommissioning are similar to those for the construction phase, where the heavy machinery that transports disassembled parts of the project solar power plant facility might be of more significance than normal vehicles and pickups.

Proper management actions with adequate mitigations can reduce significantly such anticipated impacts.

The impact likelihood is **likely (3)**, with a **marginal (2)** consequence, thus the significance of the impact is considered to be **Medium (6)**.

10.2.5 Archaeology and Cultural Resources

Construction & Decommissioning Phases

The field visits conducted at the project site and published studies determined that there are no evident archaeological and cultural heritage sites within the project's plot B4.

Although it is very unlikely that undiscovered archaeological remains are present, the consequence of finding such remains will be minor if construction was coupled with effective monitoring and early coordination with the Jordanian Department of Antiquities. It is concluded that there is no anticipated impact from construction or decommissioning on these receptors; therefore the impact assessment process for this receptor has yielded the low significance.

The chance find site impact likelihood is very unlikely (1), with a Critical (3) consequence if archaeological remains happen to be discovered, therefore, the overall impact assessment is considered to be **low (3)**.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The project developer is committed to achieving and maintaining environmental standards, such that Jordanian environmental regulations are met, and potential adverse environmental impacts resulting from the project activities are minimized as practicably as possible. This will be achieved through appropriate project planning and methods of Project operation.

Implementation of on-going environmental monitoring programmes will enable the assessment and modification, if required, of the Environmental Management program.

11.1. Objectives

This Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) aims at ensuring the application of the mitigation and monitoring measures needed to reduce and control the various environmental and social impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project.

The key objectives of the ESMP are summarized below:

- Minimizing any adverse environmental, social and health impacts resulting from the project activities;
- Conducting all project activities in accordance with relevant Jordanian Legislation and applicable IFC guidelines.
- Implementation of on-going environmental monitoring programs;
- Periodic review of the Environmental Management programs to allow for iterative improvement;
- Ensure that all stakeholder concerns are addressed.

Overall, this ESMP aims at ensuring the application of the mitigation and monitoring measures needed to reduce and control the various environmental and social impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project.

11.2. Mitigation and Monitoring

Further to the impacts assessed in the previous chapter, this section presents more detailed mitigation measures and monitoring requirements (included in the following tables) that correspond to the impacts examined in the previous section, thus exploring them in more detail.

Mitigation measures aim to offset any negative impacts that may result from the project, and monitoring is the process of measuring the success of mitigation measures in order to assess their effectiveness. Reporting is the process of measuring actual performance or how well the mitigation measures have been implemented, including the format, timing and responsibility for reporting of the monitoring results.

Although the EIA process did not reveal any high significant impacts (highest was found to be medium), this section provides measures that further reduce those impacts considered to be medium as well as those considered to be low.

Table 20: Environmental and Social Management Plan during Construction Phase

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
Physical Environment							
Air Quality	Dust generation due to construction activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting an appropriate site speed limit to reduce dust generation from vehicles travelling over unpaved surfaces. During construction dust generated on unpaved roadways and work areas should be controlled by the application of water on an "as needs" basis. Unnecessary handling of dusty materials will be avoided such as minimising drop heights when loaders dump soils into trucks. Train workers to handle construction materials and debris during construction to reduce fugitive emissions. Cover trucks when transferring fine and dusty materials outside the project location 	Visual monitoring of dust emissions during earthworks and construction activities	Daily	Contractor shall prepare and submit a report to the project developer in the case of complaints	No visible dust plumes originating from construction sites.	Contractor
	Exhaust emissions due to operation of construction plant and machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure adequate maintenance and inspection of vehicles to minimize exhaust emissions. Not running engines for longer than is necessary. 	Visual monitoring of exhaust emissions during earthworks and construction activities	Daily	N/A	Regular vehicle maintenance records	Contractor
Noise	Increased noise levels during construction & machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor shall use heavy equipment, machinery, and fuels in compliance with national regulations. The contractor shall perform regular maintenance on all equipment, vehicle and machinery to prevent noise 	Noise measurements to be undertaken during construction	Every 6 months, and after receiving any complaints	To project developer case of any exceedance	Compliance with MoEnv and National guideline limits for	Contractor

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<p>emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor shall limit idling of engines when not in use to reduce its contribution to noise emissions. 	<p>activities, at the site in order to demonstrate compliance with the National environmental noise guidelines using a portable noise meter.</p>	<p>from workers or third parties.</p>		<p>environmental noise at sensitive receptors:</p>	
Soil	Soil disturbance due to removal of top soil, potential accidental spillage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A spill prevention and response plan shall be prepared by the contractor in order to control any inadvertent leakage or spillage. Spill response measures shall be implemented (as necessary) to contain and clean up any contaminated soil. Construction of bunds around relevant work and storage areas. Bunds in areas of hazardous chemical storage (including temporary storage) should be lined to contain accidental spillage and minimize the potential for migration to the underlying soil. Any spilled chemical shall be immediately collected and disposed of in accordance with Spill Prevention and Response Plan and MSDS. Contractor shall ensure that a spill kit and adequate PPE is available at the site for emergency cleanup activities in case of chemical/oil spillage. To control soil erosion surface run-off should be collected from all paved working areas into retention ditches to restrict concentration of flows 	<p>Visual Inspection of storage area, and machinery through conducting regular audits of on-site activities and incident reporting forms.</p> <p>All site workers to be trained in spill response procedures.</p>	Weekly	All unplanned incidents/accidents must be recorded by the contractor.	<p>Number of spills or incidents to be recorded during on-site audits.</p> <p>Training records of personnel trained in spill response procedures must be filed</p>	Contractor

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
Visual Amenity	Visual impacts from construction activities such as materials lay down, excavation, backfilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor shall ensure general cleanliness and good housekeeping practice at the project site at all times. 	Visual inspection of general housekeeping and cleanliness at site in addition to waste management on site.	Daily	N/A	<p>Good housekeeping and tidiness of work areas within the project site.</p> <p>The fill material is maintained in a clean and tidy manner.</p>	Contractor
Waste Generation	Improper management and handling of hazardous and non-hazardous waste during construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor shall segregate storage for different types of wastes, such as hazardous, non-hazardous recyclable construction material, plastic, paper, etc. to facilitate proper disposal. The contractor shall provide a separate storage area for hazardous materials. The hazardous materials/products must be labeled with proper identification of its hazardous properties. Chemical waste shall be stored in accordance with the provisions of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The contractor shall keep MSDS onsite. Contractor shall provide trash bins within each construction site so as to prevent littering in the project area and surrounding areas. The contractor shall establish regular intervals for waste collection and disposal as per contractor's waste management procedures. 	<p>Visual monitoring of site cleanliness and proper storage and handling of hazardous waste and sewage.</p> <p>Inspect that segregated waste disposal or storage areas are clearly marked.</p>	Daily	Contractor shall prepare and submit monthly report to Project Developer.	<p>Compliance with waste management procedures.</p> <p>Current and complete records of regular waste pickup and disposal.</p>	Contractor

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sanitary and organic wastes shall be collected in a septic tank to be installed on site and disposed off regularly. 					
Water Resources	Potential surface water runoff due to high precipitation	<p>Avoid risks from high rainfall and potential flooding the following measures might be necessary for structure and road protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone "rip-rap" or beaching: lining the banks with some rocks or pebbles with a diameter greater than 6.26 cm for wadi bed and 4cm for banks. Gabions: a cage cylinder or box filled with rocks, concrete, or sometimes sand and soil used for protecting the road. A gabion wall is a retaining wall made of stacked stone-filled gabions tied together with wire. Cross weirs, weirs or J-hooks from natural materials found on site to decrease the velocity of flow in the wadi and redirect currents away from road to reduce accelerated flow. Study the wadi path within the plot and the surface water runoff from road culvert(s) in order to construct the suitable hydraulic structure within the plot such as channels and/ or culverts to reach the adjacent wadi. 	Follow-up with Ministry of Water and Irrigation and MDA (if needed)	During rainy seasons	To project developer in case of high precipitation events.	N/A	Contractor in collaboration with project developer

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
Terrestrial Ecology							
Terrestrial Ecology	Potential disturbance to birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimize human and vehicular contact with fauna, including their burrows / nests and feeding grounds. Waste shall be stored on site within closed container, especially food remnants to avoid attracting birds on site. 	Visual inspection within project site.	During migration season (in spring and autumn)	N/A	N/A	Contractor
Health and Safety							
Health and Safety risks	Potential of exposure to safety events such as tripping, working at height activities, fire from hot works, smoking, failure in electrical installations, mobile plant and vehicles, and electrical shocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction equipment used for the execution of the project works shall be fit for purpose and carry valid inspection certificates and insurance requirements. Risk assessment shall be prepared and communicated prior to commencement of work for all types of work activities on site. Provide walkways that are clearly designated as a walkway; all walkways shall be provided with good conditions underfoot; signposted and with adequate lighting. Signpost any slippery areas, ensure proper footwear with a good grip is worn for personnel working within slippery areas. As far as reasonably practical, use cordless tools that may not need to use cables. Where cables for temporary lighting or mains-powered tools will be used, all cables shall be run through designated corridors. Avoid work at height where it reasonably practicable to do so, e.g. by assembly at ground level. Prevent any person falling a distance liable to cause 	<p>Visual inspection by user before each activity</p> <p>Routine Inspection of Equipment and tools used during working at height activities</p> <p>Maintain proper housekeeping for the project site</p> <p>Routine Facilities' and site Inspection</p> <p>Vehicles and mobile plants</p>	<p>Prior activity</p> <p>Monthly</p> <p>Continuously</p> <p>Monthly</p> <p>Pre-Use</p>	<p>Contractors shall prepare and submit monthly report to the developer</p>	<p>Total Recordable Incidence Rate(TRIR)</p> <p>Lost Time Incidence Frequency</p> <p>Fatal Accident Rate</p> <p>Number of safety training performed</p> <p>Number of non-conformance events. Reports.</p>	Contractor and developer

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<p>personal injury e.g. by using a scaffold platform with double guard-rail and toe boards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest a fall with equipment to minimise the distance and consequences of a fall, e.g. safety nets, where work at height cannot be avoided or the fall prevented. • Carry out fire risk assessment for the construction areas, identify sources of fuel and ignition and establish general fire precautions including, means of escape, warning and fighting fire. • Set up a system to alert workers on site. This may be temporary or permanent mains operated fire alarm. • Fire extinguishers should be located at identified fire points around the site. The extinguishers shall be appropriate to the nature of the potential fire. • Establish and communicate emergency response plan (ERP) with all parties, the ERP to consider such things as specific foreseeable emergency situations, organizational roles and authorities, responsibilities and expertise, emergency response and evacuation procedure, in addition to training for personnel and drills to test the plan • Ensure all plant machines and vehicles are regularly inspected, serviced and maintained; ensure all staff assigned is trained and competent to operate plant machines and vehicles. • Ensure all routes are suitable and wide enough for the vehicles, routes should be planned by minimise bends/junctions, steep gradients and the need for reversing, clearly designate areas for pedestrian 	<p>inspection</p> <p>Preventive maintenance and patrol inspections for all vehicles and mobile plant</p> <p>Monitor work areas and activities to identify fire and explosions hazards.</p> <p>Fire Emergency Response Drills</p> <p>Inspection for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting</p>	<p>Monthly</p> <p>Continuously</p> <p>Based on Fire risk assessment</p> <p>Monthly</p>			

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<p>walkways and crossing points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure clear signages are in place, such as Warning of speed limits, obstructions, allowable widths/heights...etc. • Electrical equipment must be safe and properly maintained; works shall not be carried out on live systems. • Only competent authorised persons shall carry out maintenance on electrical equipment, adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for electrical works must be provided to all personnel involved in the tasks. • Lock-Out / Tag-Out (LOTO) system shall be implemented during any electrical works. • Adequate number of staff and first aiders shall be on site in accordance with Jordanian Labour Law requirements. • First aid kit with adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, non-latex gloves, scissors, thermometer, etc. shall be made available by the contractor on site. • Emergency evacuation response shall be prepared by the contractor and relevant staff shall be trained through mock-up drills. 	<p>equipment.</p> <p>Maintenance for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p>	Semi-annually			
	Exposure to health events during construction activities such	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that operations, which involve manual handling, are eliminated so far as reasonably practicable, provide mechanical aids such as forklifts, trolleys, cranes, hoists etc. • Ensure all equipment are suitable for jobs (safety, size, 	<p>Monitor the health of workers</p> <p>Monitor work areas and</p>	<p>Continuously</p> <p>Continuously</p>	Contractors shall prepare and submit monthly report to	Total Recordable Incidence Rate(TRIR) Lost Time	Contractor and developer

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
	as manual handling and musculoskeletal disorders, hand-arm vibration, temporary or permanent hearing loss, heat stress, and dermatitis	<p>power, efficiency, ergonomics, cost, user acceptability etc), provide the lowest vibration tools that are suitable and can do the works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all tools and other work equipment are serviced and maintained in accordance with maintenance schedules and manufacturer's instructions. • Regular noise exposure assessments and noise level surveys of noisy areas, processes and equipment shall be carried out in order to form basis for remedial actions when necessary. • As far as reasonably practical, all steps to reduce noise exposure levels of employees by means other than that of personal protective equipment shall be taken, such as reducing exposure times, enclosures, silencers, machine covers...etc. • Provide suitable and effective hearing protection to employees working in high noise levels. • Designate and clearly mark hearing protection zones, which may include particular areas, operations or pieces of equipment. All personnel entering these zones shall be required to wear hearing protection inside these areas. • Awareness training sessions should be established and provided to all personnel involved during the construction phase in order to highlight the heat related illnesses of working in hot conditions such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration. • Ensure adequate quantities of drinking water are available at different locations within the site, 	<p>operations to identify noise hazards.</p> <p>Inspection for use hear protection equipment</p> <p>Fit Testing</p> <p>Maintenance & Care for Hear protection equipment.</p>	<p>usly</p> <p>Prior Use</p> <p>Annually</p> <p>Monthly</p>	<p>the developer</p>	<p>Incidence Frequency</p> <p>Fatal Accident Rate</p> <p>Medical Treatment Case (MTC)</p> <p>No. Restricted Work Day Cases (RWDC)</p> <p>No. Restricted Work Days (RWD)</p> <p>HSE Training Hours</p> <p>Number of non-conformance events. Reports</p>	

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure proper planning of works to consider the time of peak temperatures during the day, provide rest brakes during the peak times. • Provision of sun shades at different locations within the site. • Eliminate the risk of exposure whenever possible, provide proper PPE wherever necessary and to ensure that there are satisfactory washing and changing facilities. • Ensure that all workers exposed to a risk are aware of the possible dangers. They should be given thorough training in how to protect themselves and there should be effective supervision to ensure that the correct methods are being used. 					
Socio-economics							

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
Traffic	Additional traffic load due to transport of equipment and materials to and from the site through the surrounding road network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor to ensure that all trucks and vehicles accessing the facility are operated by licensed operators. Pedestrians Safety: All project vehicles and trucks shall comply with the proposed speed limits Ensure adequate maintenance and inspection of vehicles Presence of flagman at the entrance and exit of the project site in order to control vehicles and truck movement. 	<p>Obtain open dialogue with the MDA potential contractors for neighbouring projects that happen to be ongoing during the same time.</p> <p>Monitor vehicle movement to and from the Project area.</p>	Continuously	All incidents to be reported to project management contractor and to traffic department.	<p>No complains or concerns from traditional users of the area's roads routes are received during the construction activities.</p> <p>No incidents or accidents (collisions) are recorded</p>	Contractor
Archaeological Resources & Cultural Heritage							
Archaeology & Cultural Resources	Only potential concern can be impacts on possible unseen archaeological sites/remains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction works shall be ceased if any historical or archaeological sites are chance found during construction. In the event potential archaerological and/or cultural resources are discovered during construction activities, the Department of Antiquities (DoA) shall be invited for consultations and assessment of the finding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of one site inspection immediately after chance find. Informing 	One site inspection after chance find	To Department of Antiquities (DoA) in case of chance	N/A	Contractor / Department of Antiquities (DoA)

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
	(chance finds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work shall be resumed only after archaeological experts from DoA and official authorities are consulted and appropriate mitigation measures are implemented. 	personnel present on site of chance find procedures in case any archaeological or cultural resources were encountered		finds.		

Table 21: Environmental and Social Management Plan during Operation Phase

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
Physical Environment							
Soil	Potential spillage of stored oil and chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific procedures shall be developed for the removal of waste or spilled fuel, oil and contaminated soil at approved disposal facilities. • Proper storage for chemicals and fuel within confined areas on site and adopting proper safety measures when handling those chemicals to prevent their leakage and infiltration into the soil. 	<p>Inspect the presence of any disturbed areas in and around the project site for erosion</p> <p>Visual inspection of oil storage tanks, waste storage area and fuel storage area for spills and leaks</p>	<p>Post rainfall event</p> <p>Weekly</p>	To developer's top management	Maintain readily available records of all workers training on spill response procedures.	Project Developer
Visual Amenity	Potential glare from PV panels	The used technology has Anti- Reflective coating that significantly reduce the refelectance of the Pannels (from 2.5% to 2.6% only).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Project Developer
Terrestrial Ecology							
Terrestrial Ecology	Potential disturbance and harm to birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize human and vehicular contact with resident birds including their burrows / nests and feeding grounds. • Groundnests found on site shall be translocated outside the industrial park's boundary. • Waste shall be stored on site within closed container, especially food 	Visual inspection within project site.	Weekly	To developer's top management	No reported harm to birds.	Project Developer

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		remnants to avoid attracting birds on site.					
Health and Safety							
Safety risks	Potential of exposure to safety events during operation activities such as slipping and tripping, working at height activities, and fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide walkways that are clearly designated as a walkway; all walkways shall be provided with good conditions underfoot; signposted and with adequate lighting. Ensure all works and storage areas are tidy, all material deliveries shall be planned to minimize accumulated materials at project site. Signpost any slippery areas, provide proper footwear during working within slippery areas. Avoid work at height where it reasonably practicable to do so, e.g. by assembly at ground level. Prevent any person falling a distance liable to cause personal injury e.g. by using a scaffold platform with double guard-rail and toe boards. Carry out fire risk assessment during operation to identify sources of fuel and ignition and establish general fire precautions including, means of escape, warning and fighting fire. Set up a system to alert workers on site. This may be temporary or 	<p>Routine Inspection of Equipment and tools used during working at height activities</p> <p>Maintain proper housekeeping for the project site</p> <p>Routine Facilities' and site Inspection.</p> <p>Monitor work areas and activities to identify fire and explosions hazards.</p> <p>Fire Emergency Response Drills</p> <p>Inspection for fire</p>	<p>Monthly</p> <p>Continuously</p> <p>Monthly</p> <p>Continuously</p> <p>Based on fire Assessment</p> <p>Monthly</p>	<p>Prepare regular report to developer's top management</p>	<p>Total Recordable Incidence Rate(TRIR)</p> <p>Lost Time Incidence Frequency</p> <p>Number of safety training performed</p> <p>Number of non-conformance events. Reports.</p>	The developer

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
		<p>permanent mains operated fire alarm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire extinguishers should be located at identified fire points around the site. The extinguishers shall be appropriate to the nature of the potential fire. • Establish and communicate emergency response plan with all parties, the ERP to consider such things as specific foreseeable emergency situations, organizational roles and authorities, responsibilities and expertise, emergency response and evacuation procedure, in addition to training for personnel and drills to test the plan • Adequate first aiders shall be on site in accordance with Jordanian Labour Law requirements. • First aid kit with adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, non-latex gloves, scissors, thermometer, etc. shall be made available by the contractor on site. • Emergency evacuation response shall be prepared by the contractor and relevant staff shall be trained through mock-up drills. 	<p>extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p> <p>Maintenance for fire extinguishers, testing for fire detection system, and other fire fighting equipment.</p>	<p>Semi-Annually</p>			
Socio-economics							
Traffic	Potential	Implementation of a regulated	Monitoring of	Daily	All incidents	Number of	Project

Aspect	Key Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Requirements	Frequency	Reporting	Performance Indicator	Responsibility
	minimal increase of traffic load	entrance and exit into the facility.	access roads around site Record complaints received from locals or authorities.		reported to the proper authority and to Ma'an Development Company (MDC).	complaints from road users. Number of traffic incidents due to vehicle movement.	Developer

11.3. Decommissioning

The solar power plant facility is considered a large scale long-term investment that will contribute to economic benefits to the country through provision of power supply, designed in accordance with best practice, taking into account all relevant national and internal codes and legislation.

The design life of the facility will be approximately 20 years. Therefore, the post-design life is expected to involve rehabilitation, upgrading and modernization of the facility, with a possible expansion (retrofitting and addition of new technology).

As a result, impacts from decommissioning are not expected to arise in the near future unless retrofitting and upgrade of the facility was not feasible. However, this, EIA Study has considered potential decommissioning impacts in case there was a need for the facility to be dismantled and end operations.

As can be noted from the impact assessment chapter 10 no impacts with high significance are anticipated to take place during decommissioning of the project since all facilities will be removed, solar power plant decommissioned, and PV panels will be dismantled and sent for recycling.

The main mitigation and monitoring measures to minimize or reduce the environmental and social impacts during decommissioning are anticipated to be similar to those identified for the construction phase.

Therefore, to avoid repetition, please refer to **Table 20** for detailed mitigation measures that overlap with decommissioning as well.

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APPENDIX A

Air Quality Report

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring at *Ma'an MDA Zone*



Progress Report

(9-15, June 2014)

Location: MDA zone Station.

Coordinates: 36 R 0771283 N 30°10.359
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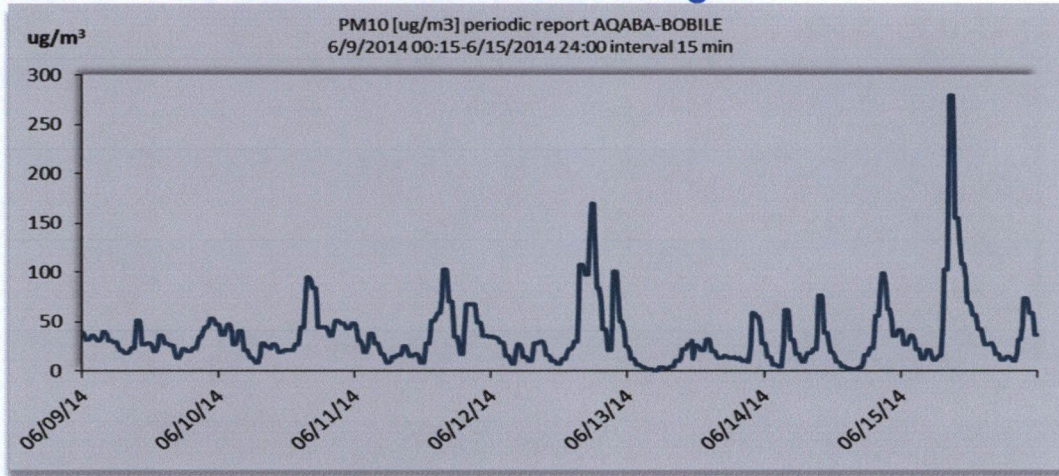
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► **Table (1): Maximum Averages**

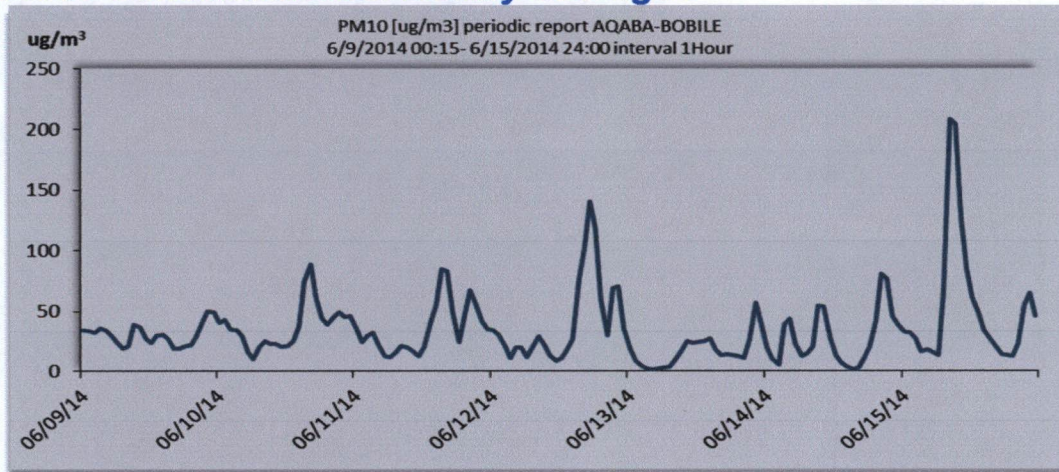
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				Hourly	Daily
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PM2.5, $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	56.5	51.8	23.4	---	65

Detailed tables of all relevant averages of all parameters are shown in Annex (1).

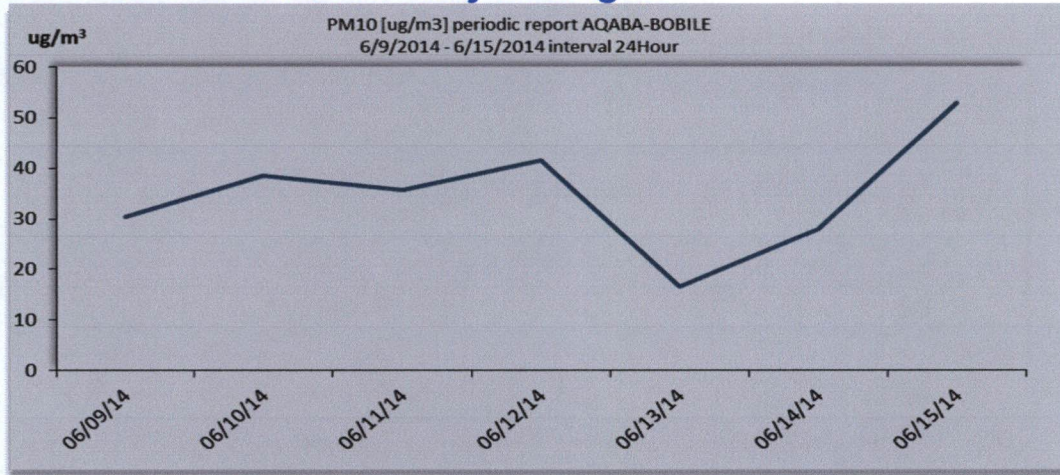
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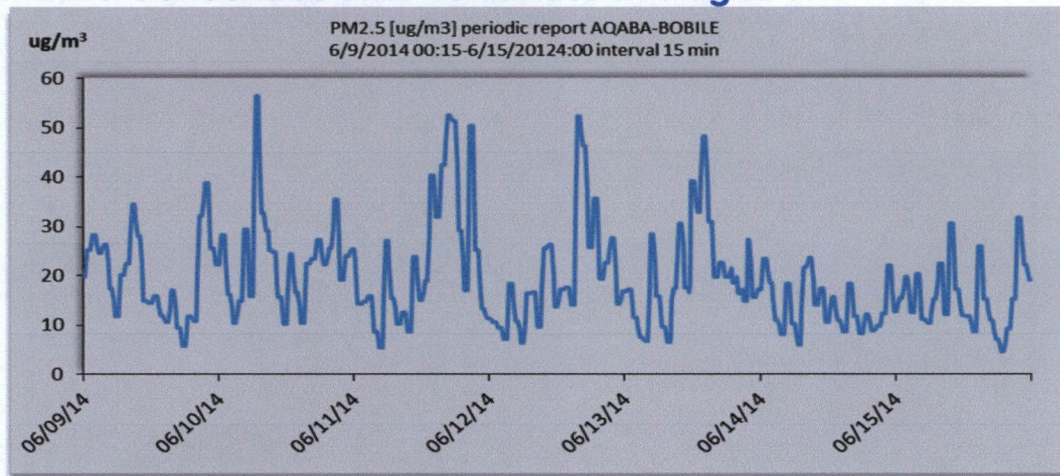
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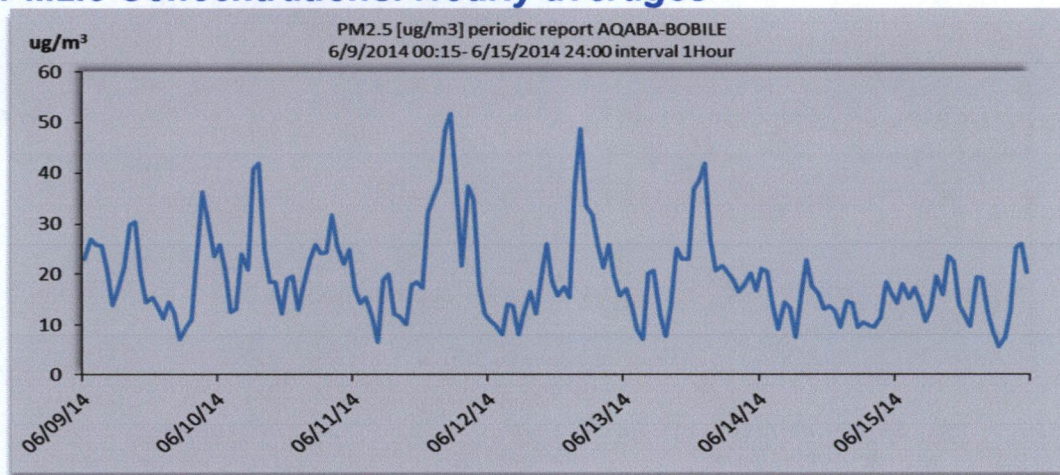
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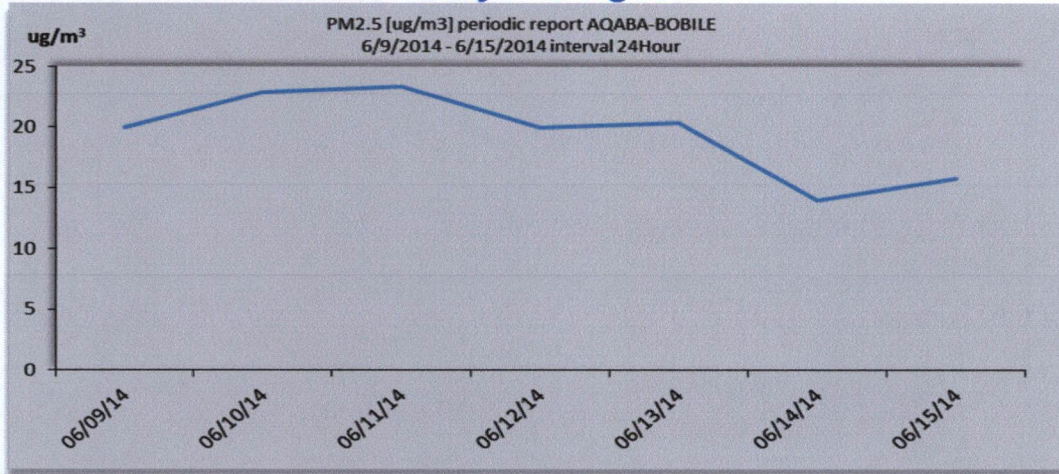
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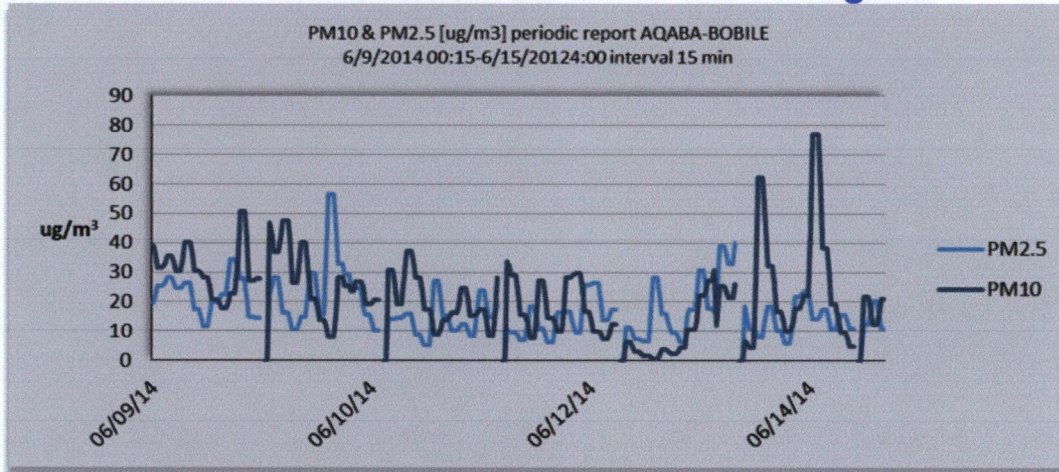
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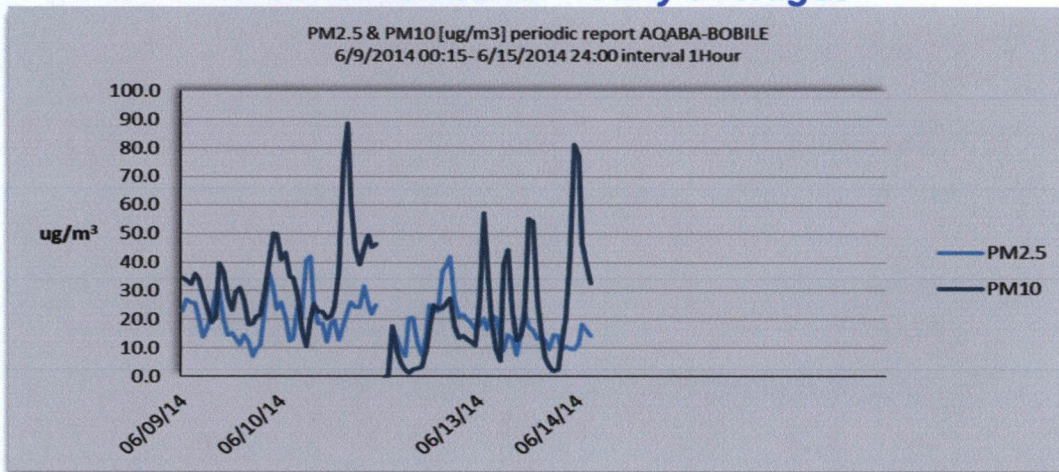
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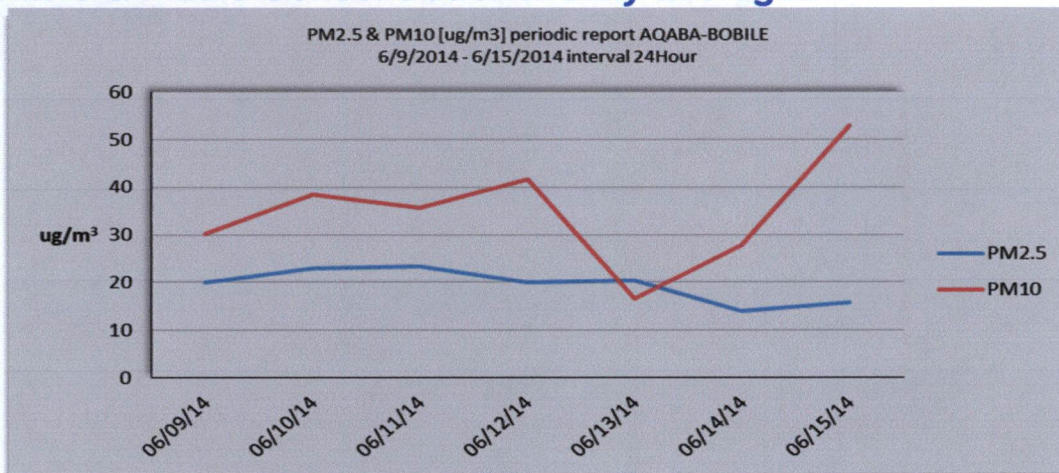
PM10 & PM 2.5 Concentrations: 15-Minute averages



PM10 & PM2.5 Concentrations: Hourly averages



PM10 & PM2.5 Concentrations: daily averages



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Annex

Results of Monitored Parameters (Tables)

Table 1: 15 min. average values of monitored parameters in MDA during (9-15/6/2014)

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/09/14	00:15	19.8	38.9
06/09/14	00:30	22.3	36.1
06/09/14	00:45	25.2	31.4
06/09/14	01:00	25.2	31.4
06/09/14	01:15	25.2	31.4
06/09/14	01:30	26.5	32.9
06/09/14	01:45	28.2	35.4
06/09/14	02:00	28.2	35.4
06/09/14	02:15	28.2	35.4
06/09/14	02:30	26.5	33.4
06/09/14	02:45	24.5	30.3
06/09/14	03:00	24.5	30.3
06/09/14	03:15	24.5	30.3
06/09/14	03:30	25.4	33.9
06/09/14	03:45	26.4	39.9
06/09/14	04:00	26.4	39.9
06/09/14	04:15	26.4	39.9
06/09/14	04:30	22.3	36.3
06/09/14	04:45	17.4	30.3
06/09/14	05:00	17.4	30.3
06/09/14	05:15	17.4	30.3
06/09/14	05:30	14.8	29.6
06/09/14	05:45	11.8	28.4
06/09/14	06:00	11.8	28.4
06/09/14	06:15	11.8	28.4
06/09/14	06:30	15.7	25.4
06/09/14	06:45	20.1	20.6
06/09/14	07:00	20.1	20.6
06/09/14	07:15	20.1	20.6
06/09/14	07:30	21.2	19.5
06/09/14	07:45	22.4	17.8
06/09/14	08:00	22.4	17.8
06/09/14	08:15	22.4	17.8
06/09/14	08:30	27.9	19.7
06/09/14	08:45	34.4	22.9
06/09/14	09:00	34.4	22.9
06/09/14	09:15	34.4	22.9
06/09/14	09:30	31.4	33.4
06/09/14	09:45	28.0	50.8
06/09/14	10:00	28.0	50.8
06/09/14	10:15	28.0	50.8
06/09/14	10:30	22.1	42.0
06/09/14	10:45	14.9	27.1
06/09/14	11:00	14.9	27.1
06/09/14	11:15	14.9	27.1
06/09/14	11:30	14.7	27.4
06/09/14	11:45	14.5	28.0
06/09/14	12:00	14.5	28.0

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/09/14	12:15	14.5	28.0
06/09/14	12:30	15.2	25.0
06/09/14	12:45	15.9	20.2
06/09/14	13:00	15.9	20.2
06/09/14	13:15	15.9	20.2
06/09/14	13:30	14.1	26.0
06/09/14	13:45	12.0	35.7
06/09/14	14:00	12.0	35.7
06/09/14	14:15	12.0	35.7
06/09/14	14:30	11.4	32.6
06/09/14	14:45	10.7	27.7
06/09/14	15:00	10.7	27.7
06/09/14	15:15	10.7	27.7
06/09/14	15:30	13.6	27.0
06/09/14	15:45	17.0	25.7
06/09/14	16:00	17.0	25.7
06/09/14	16:15	17.0	25.7
06/09/14	16:30	13.6	21.1
06/09/14	16:45	9.5	13.4
06/09/14	17:00	9.5	13.4
06/09/14	17:15	9.5	13.4
06/09/14	17:30	7.8	16.8
06/09/14	17:45	5.8	22.2
06/09/14	18:00	5.8	22.2
06/09/14	18:15	5.8	22.2
06/09/14	18:30	8.6	21.3
06/09/14	18:45	11.7	20.0
06/09/14	19:00	11.7	20.0
06/09/14	19:15	11.7	20.0
06/09/14	19:30	11.3	21.0
06/09/14	19:45	10.8	22.8
06/09/14	20:00	10.8	22.8
06/09/14	20:15	10.8	22.8
06/09/14	20:30	20.6	27.3
06/09/14	20:45	32.2	34.7
06/09/14	21:00	32.2	34.7
06/09/14	21:15	32.2	34.7
06/09/14	21:30	35.2	38.5
06/09/14	21:45	38.8	44.7
06/09/14	22:00	38.8	44.7
06/09/14	22:15	38.8	44.7
06/09/14	22:30	32.7	48.0
06/09/14	22:45	25.6	53.5
06/09/14	23:00	25.6	53.5
06/09/14	23:15	25.6	53.5
06/09/14	23:30	24.1	51.0
06/09/14	23:45	22.2	47.0
06/09/14	24:00	22.2	47.0

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/10/14	00:15	22.2	47.0
06/10/14	00:30	25.0	43.1
06/10/14	00:45	28.3	37.0
06/10/14	01:00	28.3	37.0
06/10/14	01:15	28.3	37.0
06/10/14	01:30	22.9	41.1
06/10/14	01:45	16.3	47.6
06/10/14	02:00	16.3	47.6
06/10/14	02:15	16.3	47.6
06/10/14	02:30	13.6	39.7
06/10/14	02:45	10.5	26.6
06/10/14	03:00	10.5	26.6
06/10/14	03:15	10.5	26.6
06/10/14	03:30	12.5	31.8
06/10/14	03:45	14.9	40.1
06/10/14	04:00	14.9	40.1
06/10/14	04:15	14.9	40.1
06/10/14	04:30	21.7	32.7
06/10/14	04:45	29.5	20.9
06/10/14	05:00	29.5	20.9
06/10/14	05:15	29.5	20.9
06/10/14	05:30	23.0	18.3
06/10/14	05:45	15.8	13.8
06/10/14	06:00	15.8	13.8
06/10/14	06:15	15.8	13.8
06/10/14	06:30	34.4	11.6
06/10/14	06:45	56.5	8.1
06/10/14	07:00	56.5	8.1
06/10/14	07:15	56.5	8.1
06/10/14	07:30	45.4	15.8
06/10/14	07:45	32.8	28.2
06/10/14	08:00	32.8	28.2
06/10/14	08:15	32.8	28.2
06/10/14	08:30	29.3	25.3
06/10/14	08:45	29.3	25.3
06/10/14	09:00	29.3	25.3
06/10/14	09:15	25.2	23.5
06/10/14	09:30	25.2	23.5
06/10/14	09:45	24.7	26.8
06/10/14	10:00	24.7	26.8
06/10/14	10:15	24.7	26.8
06/10/14	10:30	18.3	24.9
06/10/14	10:45	15.6	19.2
06/10/14	11:00	15.6	19.2
06/10/14	11:15	15.6	19.2
06/10/14	11:30	13.1	19.7
06/10/14	11:45	10.3	20.6
06/10/14	12:00	10.3	20.6
06/10/14	12:15	10.3	20.6

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/10/14	12:30	16.8	20.9
06/10/14	12:45	24.4	21.4
06/10/14	13:00	24.4	21.4
06/10/14	13:15	24.4	21.4
06/10/14	13:30	20.7	23.5
06/10/14	13:45	16.6	26.9
06/10/14	14:00	16.6	26.9
06/10/14	14:15	16.6	26.9
06/10/14	14:30	13.8	33.7
06/10/14	14:45	10.5	44.4
06/10/14	15:00	10.5	44.4
06/10/14	15:15	10.5	44.4
06/10/14	15:30	16.0	63.4
06/10/14	15:45	22.5	94.8
06/10/14	16:00	22.5	94.8
06/10/14	16:15	22.5	94.8
06/10/14	16:30	22.9	90.7
06/10/14	16:45	23.5	84.4
06/10/14	17:00	23.5	84.4
06/10/14	17:15	23.5	84.4
06/10/14	17:30	25.3	69.4
06/10/14	17:45	27.4	44.7
06/10/14	18:00	27.4	44.7
06/10/14	18:15	27.4	44.7
06/10/14	18:30	25.0	44.6
06/10/14	18:45	22.2	44.5
06/10/14	19:00	22.2	44.5
06/10/14	19:15	22.2	44.5
06/10/14	19:30	23.8	41.0
06/10/14	19:45	25.5	35.7
06/10/14	20:00	25.5	35.7
06/10/14	20:15	25.5	35.7
06/10/14	20:30	30.1	41.7
06/10/14	20:45	35.5	51.5
06/10/14	21:00	35.5	51.5
06/10/14	21:15	35.5	51.5
06/10/14	21:30	27.9	50.1
06/10/14	21:45	19.1	47.9
06/10/14	22:00	19.1	47.9
06/10/14	22:15	19.1	47.9
06/10/14	22:30	21.4	46.1
06/10/14	22:45	24.0	43.4
06/10/14	23:00	24.0	43.4
06/10/14	23:15	24.0	43.4
06/10/14	23:30	24.7	45.4
06/10/14	23:45	25.4	48.5
06/10/14	24:00	25.4	48.5
06/11/14	00:15	25.4	48.5
06/11/14	00:30	22.8	45.0

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/11/14	00:45	14.3	30.9
06/11/14	01:00	14.3	30.9
06/11/14	01:15	14.3	30.9
06/11/14	01:30	14.4	26.4
06/11/14	01:45	14.6	19.4
06/11/14	02:00	14.6	19.4
06/11/14	02:15	14.6	19.4
06/11/14	02:30	15.2	26.4
06/11/14	02:45	15.9	37.2
06/11/14	03:00	15.9	37.2
06/11/14	03:15	15.9	37.2
06/11/14	03:30	12.6	33.8
06/11/14	03:45	8.7	28.3
06/11/14	04:00	8.7	28.3
06/11/14	04:15	8.7	28.3
06/11/14	04:30	7.1	24.3
06/11/14	04:45	5.4	17.5
06/11/14	05:00	5.4	17.5
06/11/14	05:15	5.4	17.5
06/11/14	05:30	15.5	14.2
06/11/14	05:45	27.2	8.7
06/11/14	06:00	27.2	8.7
06/11/14	06:15	27.2	8.7
06/11/14	06:30	21.8	10.8
06/11/14	06:45	15.5	14.0
06/11/14	07:00	15.5	14.0
06/11/14	07:15	15.5	14.0
06/11/14	07:30	13.1	14.9
06/11/14	07:45	10.3	16.3
06/11/14	08:00	10.3	16.3
06/11/14	08:15	10.3	16.3
06/11/14	08:30	11.3	19.5
06/11/14	08:45	12.5	24.7
06/11/14	09:00	12.5	24.7
06/11/14	09:15	12.5	24.7
06/11/14	09:30	10.7	21.1
06/11/14	09:45	8.6	15.2
06/11/14	10:00	8.6	15.2
06/11/14	10:15	8.6	15.2
06/11/14	10:30	15.7	16.0
06/11/14	10:45	23.8	17.3
06/11/14	11:00	23.8	17.3
06/11/14	11:15	23.8	17.3
06/11/14	11:30	19.6	13.9
06/11/14	11:45	15.0	8.6
06/11/14	12:00	15.0	8.6
06/11/14	12:15	15.0	8.6
06/11/14	12:30	16.8	16.0
06/11/14	12:45	18.9	28.2

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06/11/14	13:15	18.9	28.2
06/11/14	13:30	28.9	37.0
06/11/14	13:45	40.4	50.8
06/11/14	14:00	40.4	50.8
06/11/14	14:15	40.4	50.8
06/11/14	14:30	36.4	53.8
06/11/14	14:45	31.9	58.6
06/11/14	15:00	31.9	58.6
06/11/14	15:15	31.9	58.6
06/11/14	15:30	36.9	75.1
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06/11/14	17:15	52.5	70.2
06/11/14	17:30	52.0	56.3
06/11/14	17:45	51.4	35.1
06/11/14	18:00	51.4	35.1
06/11/14	18:15	51.4	35.1
06/11/14	18:30	41.1	28.4
06/11/14	18:45	29.2	17.5
06/11/14	19:00	29.2	17.5
06/11/14	19:15	29.2	17.5
06/11/14	19:30	23.5	36.9
06/11/14	19:45	17.0	67.3
06/11/14	20:00	17.0	67.3
06/11/14	20:15	17.0	67.3
06/11/14	20:30	32.2	67.3
06/11/14	20:45	50.3	67.3
06/11/14	21:00	50.3	67.3
06/11/14	21:15	50.3	67.3
06/11/14	21:30	38.5	59.5
06/11/14	21:45	25.2	49.1
06/11/14	22:00	25.2	49.1
06/11/14	22:15	25.2	49.1
06/11/14	22:30	19.7	44.0
06/11/14	22:45	13.4	35.9
06/11/14	23:00	13.4	35.9
06/11/14	23:15	13.4	35.9
06/11/14	23:30	12.4	35.3
06/11/14	23:45	11.4	34.6
06/11/14	24:00	11.4	34.6
06/12/14	00:15	11.4	34.6
06/12/14	00:30	11.0	34.2
06/12/14	00:45	10.7	33.7
06/12/14	01:00	10.7	33.7

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06/12/14	01:45	9.5	28.9
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06/12/14	02:30	8.4	23.7
06/12/14	02:45	7.1	15.6
06/12/14	03:00	7.1	15.6
06/12/14	03:15	7.1	15.6
06/12/14	03:30	12.3	12.7
06/12/14	03:45	18.4	7.8
06/12/14	04:00	18.4	7.8
06/12/14	04:15	18.4	7.8
06/12/14	04:30	14.9	15.2
06/12/14	04:45	10.9	27.1
06/12/14	05:00	10.9	27.1
06/12/14	05:15	10.9	27.1
06/12/14	05:30	8.8	22.3
06/12/14	05:45	6.3	14.6
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06/12/14	06:15	6.3	14.6
06/12/14	06:30	11.1	12.8
06/12/14	06:45	16.5	10.0
06/12/14	07:00	16.5	10.0
06/12/14	07:15	16.5	10.0
06/12/14	07:30	16.5	17.1
06/12/14	07:45	16.6	28.1
06/12/14	08:00	16.6	28.1
06/12/14	08:15	16.6	28.1
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06/12/14	09:00	9.7	29.8
06/12/14	09:15	9.7	29.8
06/12/14	09:30	17.1	25.0
06/12/14	09:45	25.6	16.7
06/12/14	10:00	25.6	16.7
06/12/14	10:15	25.6	16.7
06/12/14	10:30	25.9	14.3
06/12/14	10:45	26.3	10.1
06/12/14	11:00	26.3	10.1
06/12/14	11:15	26.3	10.1
06/12/14	11:30	20.4	9.1
06/12/14	11:45	13.8	7.3
06/12/14	12:00	13.8	7.3
06/12/14	12:15	13.8	7.3
06/12/14	12:30	15.4	9.4
06/12/14	12:45	17.3	12.6
06/12/14	13:00	17.3	12.6
06/12/14	13:15	17.3	12.6

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06/12/14	13:45	17.7	21.7
06/12/14	14:00	17.7	21.7
06/12/14	14:15	17.7	21.7
06/12/14	14:30	16.0	24.9
06/12/14	14:45	14.2	30.2
06/12/14	15:00	14.2	30.2
06/12/14	15:15	14.2	30.2
06/12/14	15:30	31.8	59.8
06/12/14	15:45	52.4	107.5
06/12/14	16:00	52.4	107.5
06/12/14	16:15	52.4	107.5
06/12/14	16:30	49.6	103.8
06/12/14	16:45	46.4	98.1
06/12/14	17:00	46.4	98.1
06/12/14	17:15	46.4	98.1
06/12/14	17:30	36.6	126.2
06/12/14	17:45	25.7	169.3
06/12/14	18:00	25.7	169.3
06/12/14	18:15	25.7	169.3
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06/12/14	19:00	35.6	84.6
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06/12/14	20:15	19.3	42.3
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06/13/14	00:15	16.9	25.2
06/13/14	00:30	17.1	20.4
06/13/14	00:45	17.3	12.6
06/13/14	01:00	17.3	12.6
06/13/14	01:15	17.3	12.6
06/13/14	01:30	14.6	10.2

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
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06/13/14	02:15	11.5	6.3
06/13/14	02:30	9.6	5.1
06/13/14	02:45	7.6	3.2
06/13/14	03:00	7.6	3.2
06/13/14	03:15	7.6	3.2
06/13/14	03:30	7.2	2.6
06/13/14	03:45	6.8	1.6
06/13/14	04:00	6.8	1.6
06/13/14	04:15	6.8	1.6
06/13/14	04:30	17.1	1.3
06/13/14	04:45	28.4	0.8
06/13/14	05:00	28.4	0.8
06/13/14	05:15	28.4	0.8
06/13/14	05:30	22.6	1.9
06/13/14	05:45	15.9	3.7
06/13/14	06:00	15.9	3.7
06/13/14	06:15	15.9	3.7
06/13/14	06:30	12.9	3.2
06/13/14	06:45	9.6	2.5
06/13/14	07:00	9.6	2.5
06/13/14	07:15	9.6	2.5
06/13/14	07:30	8.1	3.3
06/13/14	07:45	6.5	4.5
06/13/14	08:00	6.5	4.5
06/13/14	08:15	6.5	4.5
06/13/14	08:30	15.1	10.7
06/13/14	08:45	17.4	10.8
06/13/14	09:00	17.4	10.8
06/13/14	09:15	17.4	10.8
06/13/14	09:30	21.6	13.5
06/13/14	09:45	30.6	22.0
06/13/14	10:00	30.6	22.0
06/13/14	10:15	30.6	22.0
06/13/14	10:30	26.3	23.3
06/13/14	10:45	17.7	27.0
06/13/14	11:00	17.7	27.0
06/13/14	11:15	17.7	27.0
06/13/14	11:30	16.6	30.6
06/13/14	11:45	18.3	11.9
06/13/14	12:00	39.1	25.5
06/13/14	12:15	39.1	25.5
06/13/14	12:30	39.1	25.5
06/13/14	12:45	36.3	23.7
06/13/14	13:00	33.0	21.5
06/13/14	13:15	33.0	21.5
06/13/14	13:30	33.0	21.5
06/13/14	13:45	40.0	26.1

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/13/14	14:00	48.2	31.5
06/13/14	14:15	48.2	31.5
06/13/14	14:30	48.2	31.5
06/13/14	14:45	40.2	26.2
06/13/14	15:00	31.0	20.2
06/13/14	15:15	31.0	20.2
06/13/14	15:30	31.0	20.2
06/13/14	15:45	25.8	16.8
06/13/14	16:00	19.7	12.9
06/13/14	16:15	19.7	12.9
06/13/14	16:30	19.7	12.9
06/13/14	16:45	21.1	13.8
06/13/14	17:00	22.7	14.8
06/13/14	17:15	22.7	14.8
06/13/14	17:30	22.7	14.8
06/13/14	17:45	21.3	13.9
06/13/14	18:00	19.8	12.9
06/13/14	18:15	19.8	12.9
06/13/14	18:30	19.8	12.9
06/13/14	18:45	20.2	13.2
06/13/14	19:00	21.5	14.0
06/13/14	19:15	18.6	12.1
06/13/14	19:30	18.6	12.1
06/13/14	19:45	18.6	12.1
06/13/14	20:00	19.8	12.9
06/13/14	20:15	16.5	10.8
06/13/14	20:30	16.5	10.8
06/13/14	20:45	16.5	10.8
06/13/14	21:00	17.2	11.2
06/13/14	21:15	14.8	9.7
06/13/14	21:30	14.8	9.7
06/13/14	21:45	14.8	25.6
06/13/14	22:00	27.4	59.0
06/13/14	22:15	27.4	59.0
06/13/14	22:30	21.9	57.6
06/13/14	22:45	15.6	55.4
06/13/14	23:00	15.6	55.4
06/13/14	23:15	15.6	55.4
06/13/14	23:30	16.4	44.6
06/13/14	23:45	17.3	27.7
06/13/14	24:00	17.3	27.7
06/14/14	00:15	17.3	27.7
06/14/14	00:30	20.2	22.3
06/14/14	00:45	23.5	13.9
06/14/14	01:00	23.5	13.9
06/14/14	01:15	23.5	13.9
06/14/14	01:30	21.2	11.2
06/14/14	01:45	18.6	6.9
06/14/14	02:00	18.6	6.9

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/14/14	02:15	18.6	6.9
06/14/14	02:30	15.0	6.0
06/14/14	02:45	11.0	4.6
06/14/14	03:00	11.0	4.6
06/14/14	03:15	11.0	4.6
06/14/14	03:30	9.6	26.9
06/14/14	03:45	8.1	62.1
06/14/14	04:00	8.1	62.1
06/14/14	04:15	8.1	62.1
06/14/14	04:30	13.0	50.7
06/14/14	04:45	18.4	32.0
06/14/14	05:00	18.4	32.0
06/14/14	05:15	18.4	32.0
06/14/14	05:30	14.5	25.9
06/14/14	05:45	10.2	16.9
06/14/14	06:00	10.2	16.9
06/14/14	06:15	10.2	16.9
06/14/14	06:30	8.2	14.1
06/14/14	06:45	5.9	9.9
06/14/14	07:00	5.9	9.9
06/14/14	07:15	5.9	9.9
06/14/14	07:30	13.3	12.9
06/14/14	07:45	21.7	17.7
06/14/14	08:00	21.7	17.7
06/14/14	08:15	21.7	17.7
06/14/14	08:30	22.6	19.5
06/14/14	08:45	23.6	22.1
06/14/14	09:00	23.6	22.1
06/14/14	09:15	23.6	22.1
06/14/14	09:30	19.1	43.7
06/14/14	09:45	14.1	76.8
06/14/14	10:00	14.1	76.8
06/14/14	10:15	14.1	76.8
06/14/14	10:30	15.7	61.9
06/14/14	10:45	17.5	38.4
06/14/14	11:00	17.5	38.4
06/14/14	11:15	17.5	38.4
06/14/14	11:30	14.2	31.1
06/14/14	11:45	10.6	19.2
06/14/14	12:00	10.6	19.2
06/14/14	12:15	10.6	19.2
06/14/14	12:30	13.1	15.5
06/14/14	12:45	15.7	9.6
06/14/14	13:00	15.7	9.6
06/14/14	13:15	15.7	9.6
06/14/14	13:30	13.5	7.7
06/14/14	13:45	11.0	4.8
06/14/14	14:00	11.0	4.8
06/14/14	14:15	11.0	4.8

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/14/14	14:30	9.9	3.8
06/14/14	14:45	8.6	2.4
06/14/14	15:00	8.6	2.4
06/14/14	15:15	8.6	2.4
06/14/14	15:30	13.3	1.9
06/14/14	15:45	18.4	1.2
06/14/14	16:00	18.4	1.2
06/14/14	16:15	18.4	1.2
06/14/14	16:30	15.3	2.1
06/14/14	16:45	11.7	3.6
06/14/14	17:00	11.7	3.6
06/14/14	17:15	11.7	3.6
06/14/14	17:30	10.1	8.4
06/14/14	17:45	8.2	15.9
06/14/14	18:00	8.2	15.9
06/14/14	18:15	8.2	15.9
06/14/14	18:30	10.0	18.8
06/14/14	18:45	12.1	23.5
06/14/14	19:00	12.1	23.5
06/14/14	19:15	12.1	23.5
06/14/14	19:30	10.5	36.1
06/14/14	19:45	8.8	55.6
06/14/14	20:00	8.8	55.6
06/14/14	20:15	8.8	55.6
06/14/14	20:30	9.3	72.5
06/14/14	20:45	9.9	98.4
06/14/14	21:00	9.9	98.4
06/14/14	21:15	9.9	98.4
06/14/14	21:30	11.1	84.3
06/14/14	21:45	12.4	62.8
06/14/14	22:00	12.4	62.8
06/14/14	22:15	12.4	62.8
06/14/14	22:30	17.0	52.1
06/14/14	22:45	22.0	35.8
06/14/14	23:00	22.0	35.8
06/14/14	23:15	22.0	35.8
06/14/14	23:30	17.6	38.1
06/14/14	23:45	12.7	41.7
06/14/14	24:00	12.7	41.7
06/15/14	00:15	12.7	41.7
06/15/14	00:30	14.0	35.8
06/15/14	00:45	15.4	26.5
06/15/14	01:00	15.4	26.5
06/15/14	01:15	15.4	26.5
06/15/14	01:30	17.4	30.2
06/15/14	01:45	19.7	36.0
06/15/14	02:00	19.7	36.0
06/15/14	02:15	19.7	36.0
06/15/14	02:30	16.3	30.4

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/15/14	02:45	12.5	21.8
06/15/14	03:00	12.5	21.8
06/15/14	03:15	12.5	21.8
06/15/14	03:30	16.1	18.2
06/15/14	03:45	20.3	12.4
06/15/14	04:00	20.3	12.4
06/15/14	04:15	20.3	12.4
06/15/14	04:30	16.0	15.9
06/15/14	04:45	11.2	21.2
06/15/14	05:00	11.2	21.2
06/15/14	05:15	11.2	21.2
06/15/14	05:30	10.8	17.3
06/15/14	05:45	10.4	11.1
06/15/14	06:00	10.4	11.1
06/15/14	06:15	10.4	11.1
06/15/14	06:30	12.7	12.7
06/15/14	06:45	15.3	15.1
06/15/14	07:00	15.3	15.1
06/15/14	07:15	15.3	15.1
06/15/14	07:30	18.7	50.2
06/15/14	07:45	22.4	102.7
06/15/14	08:00	22.4	102.7
06/15/14	08:15	22.4	102.7
06/15/14	08:30	17.5	173.3
06/15/14	08:45	12.1	279.1
06/15/14	09:00	12.1	279.1
06/15/14	09:15	12.1	279.1
06/15/14	09:30	21.0	229.5
06/15/14	09:45	30.6	155.2
06/15/14	10:00	30.6	155.2
06/15/14	10:15	30.6	155.2
06/15/14	10:30	24.3	136.8
06/15/14	10:45	17.3	108.7
06/15/14	11:00	17.3	108.7
06/15/14	11:15	17.3	108.7
06/15/14	11:30	14.8	93.5
06/15/14	11:45	11.9	69.7
06/15/14	12:00	11.9	69.7
06/15/14	12:15	11.9	69.7
06/15/14	12:30	11.8	64.5
06/15/14	12:45	11.7	56.6
06/15/14	13:00	11.7	56.6
06/15/14	13:15	11.7	56.6
06/15/14	13:30	10.3	51.1
06/15/14	13:45	8.7	42.7
06/15/14	14:00	8.7	42.7
06/15/14	14:15	8.7	42.7
06/15/14	14:30	16.8	36.7
06/15/14	14:45	26.0	27.2

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/15/14	15:00	26.0	27.2
06/15/14	15:15	26.0	27.2
06/15/14	15:30	20.9	27.3
06/15/14	15:45	15.2	27.4
06/15/14	16:00	15.2	27.4
06/15/14	16:15	15.2	27.4
06/15/14	16:30	13.2	23.3
06/15/14	16:45	11.0	17.1
06/15/14	17:00	11.0	17.1
06/15/14	17:15	11.0	17.1
06/15/14	17:30	9.3	14.9
06/15/14	17:45	7.2	11.3
06/15/14	18:00	7.2	11.3
06/15/14	18:15	7.2	11.3
06/15/14	18:30	6.0	12.5
06/15/14	18:45	4.6	14.5
06/15/14	19:00	4.6	14.5
06/15/14	19:15	4.6	14.5
06/15/14	19:30	6.6	13.2
06/15/14	19:45	9.3	10.7
06/15/14	20:00	9.3	10.7
06/15/14	20:15	9.3	10.7
06/15/14	20:30	11.8	17.8
06/15/14	20:45	15.3	31.4
06/15/14	21:00	15.3	31.4
06/15/14	21:15	15.3	31.4
06/15/14	21:30	22.2	45.9
06/15/14	21:45	31.7	73.4
06/15/14	22:00	31.7	73.4
06/15/14	22:15	31.7	73.4
06/15/14	22:30	27.9	69.0
06/15/14	22:45	22.2	59.4
06/15/14	23:00	22.2	59.4
06/15/14	23:15	22.2	59.4
06/15/14	23:30	21.0	52.5
06/15/14	23:45	19.2	36.8
06/15/14	24:00	19.2	36.8
MAX		56.5	76.8
AVG		17.9	21.9

Table 2: Hourly average values of monitored parameters MDA zone during (9-15/6/2014)

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/09/14	01:00	23.1	34.5
06/09/14	02:00	27.0	33.8
06/09/14	03:00	25.9	32.3
06/09/14	04:00	25.7	36.0
06/09/14	05:00	20.9	34.2
06/09/14	06:00	14.0	29.1
06/09/14	07:00	16.9	23.8
06/09/14	08:00	21.5	18.9
06/09/14	09:00	29.8	20.8
06/09/14	10:00	30.4	39.5
06/09/14	11:00	20.0	36.8
06/09/14	12:00	14.6	27.6
06/09/14	13:00	15.4	23.3
06/09/14	14:00	13.5	29.4
06/09/14	15:00	11.2	30.9
06/09/14	16:00	14.6	26.5
06/09/14	17:00	12.4	18.4
06/09/14	18:00	7.2	18.7
06/09/14	19:00	9.5	20.9
06/09/14	20:00	11.1	21.6
06/09/14	21:00	23.9	29.8
06/09/14	22:00	36.2	40.6
06/09/14	23:00	30.7	49.9
06/09/14	24:00	23.5	49.6
06/10/14	01:00	25.9	41.0
06/10/14	02:00	21.0	43.3
06/10/14	03:00	12.7	35.1
06/10/14	04:00	13.2	34.7
06/10/14	05:00	23.9	28.7
06/10/14	06:00	21.0	16.7
06/10/14	07:00	40.8	10.4
06/10/14	08:00	41.9	20.1
06/10/14	09:00	25.0	25.2
06/10/14	10:00	18.6	22.5
06/10/14	11:00	18.5	22.5
06/10/14	12:00	12.3	20.1
06/10/14	13:00	19.0	21.1
06/10/14	14:00	19.6	24.7
06/10/14	15:00	12.9	37.4
06/10/14	16:00	17.9	74.4
06/10/14	17:00	23.1	88.6
06/10/14	18:00	25.9	60.8
06/10/14	19:00	24.2	44.6
06/10/14	20:00	24.3	39.2
06/10/14	21:00	31.7	45.1
06/10/14	22:00	25.4	49.4
06/10/14	23:00	22.1	45.2
06/10/14	24:00	24.9	46.4

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³
06/11/14	01:00	17.1	35.6
06/11/14	02:00	14.4	24.0
06/11/14	03:00	15.4	30.0
06/11/14	04:00	11.5	31.9
06/11/14	05:00	6.6	21.9
06/11/14	06:00	18.8	12.3
06/11/14	07:00	20.0	11.9
06/11/14	08:00	12.3	15.4
06/11/14	09:00	11.7	21.3
06/11/14	10:00	10.1	19.1
06/11/14	11:00	18.0	16.4
06/11/14	12:00	18.4	12.1
06/11/14	13:00	17.4	20.3
06/11/14	14:00	32.1	41.7
06/11/14	15:00	35.1	55.5
06/11/14	16:00	38.4	84.5
06/11/14	17:00	48.6	83.1
06/11/14	18:00	51.8	49.2
06/11/14	19:00	37.7	24.6
06/11/14	20:00	21.6	47.3
06/11/14	21:00	37.4	67.3
06/11/14	22:00	34.8	56.2
06/11/14	23:00	17.9	41.2
06/11/14	24:00	12.2	35.1
06/12/14	01:00	10.9	34.1
06/12/14	02:00	9.9	30.9
06/12/14	03:00	8.0	21.0
06/12/14	04:00	14.1	11.0
06/12/14	05:00	13.8	19.3
06/12/14	06:00	8.1	19.6
06/12/14	07:00	12.6	11.9
06/12/14	08:00	16.6	20.8
06/12/14	09:00	12.3	29.1
06/12/14	10:00	19.5	22.1
06/12/14	11:00	26.0	12.8
06/12/14	12:00	18.5	8.4
06/12/14	13:00	15.9	10.5
06/12/14	14:00	17.5	18.1
06/12/14	15:00	15.5	26.8
06/12/14	16:00	37.7	76.2
06/12/14	17:00	48.7	101.9
06/12/14	18:00	33.6	140.7
06/12/14	19:00	31.8	118.6
06/12/14	20:00	25.6	59.5
06/12/14	21:00	21.4	29.7
06/12/14	22:00	25.8	68.8
06/12/14	23:00	19.5	70.9
06/12/14	24:00	15.9	35.4

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/13/14	01:00	17.2	17.7
06/13/14	02:00	13.7	8.8
06/13/14	03:00	9.1	4.4
06/13/14	04:00	7.1	2.2
06/13/14	05:00	20.2	1.1
06/13/14	06:00	20.7	2.5
06/13/14	07:00	12.0	3.0
06/13/14	08:00	7.7	3.7
06/13/14	09:00	14.1	9.2
06/13/14	10:00	25.1	17.1
06/13/14	11:00	23.1	24.8
06/13/14	12:00	22.9	23.8
06/13/14	13:00	36.9	24.1
06/13/14	14:00	38.6	25.2
06/13/14	15:00	41.9	27.3
06/13/14	16:00	26.9	17.5
06/13/14	17:00	20.8	13.6
06/13/14	18:00	21.6	14.1
06/13/14	19:00	20.3	13.3
06/13/14	20:00	18.9	12.3
06/13/14	21:00	16.7	10.9
06/13/14	22:00	18.0	26.0
06/13/14	23:00	20.1	56.9
06/13/14	24:00	16.7	38.9
06/14/14	01:00	21.1	19.4
06/14/14	02:00	20.5	9.7
06/14/14	03:00	13.9	5.5
06/14/14	04:00	9.2	38.9
06/14/14	05:00	14.5	44.2
06/14/14	06:00	13.4	22.9
06/14/14	07:00	7.6	12.7
06/14/14	08:00	15.7	14.6
06/14/14	09:00	22.9	20.4
06/14/14	10:00	17.7	54.9
06/14/14	11:00	16.2	53.9
06/14/14	12:00	13.2	27.0
06/14/14	13:00	13.8	13.5
06/14/14	14:00	12.8	6.7
06/14/14	15:00	9.5	3.4
06/14/14	16:00	14.7	1.7
06/14/14	17:00	14.3	2.6
06/14/14	18:00	9.6	10.9
06/14/14	19:00	10.6	20.4
06/14/14	20:00	10.0	42.7
06/14/14	21:00	9.5	81.2
06/14/14	22:00	11.5	77.1
06/14/14	23:00	18.4	46.6
06/14/14	24:00	16.3	39.3
06/15/14	01:00	14.4	32.6

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/15/14	02:00	18.1	32.2
06/15/14	03:00	15.3	27.5
06/15/14	04:00	17.3	16.2
06/15/14	05:00	14.7	17.7
06/15/14	06:00	10.7	15.2
06/15/14	07:00	13.4	13.5
06/15/14	08:00	19.7	67.7
06/15/14	09:00	16.0	208.5
06/15/14	10:00	23.6	204.7
06/15/14	11:00	22.4	127.3
06/15/14	12:00	14.0	85.4
06/15/14	13:00	11.8	61.9
06/15/14	14:00	9.8	48.3
06/15/14	15:00	19.4	33.5
06/15/14	16:00	19.3	27.3
06/15/14	17:00	12.6	21.2
06/15/14	18:00	8.7	13.7
06/15/14	19:00	5.6	13.2
06/15/14	20:00	7.5	12.3
06/15/14	21:00	12.9	22.8
06/15/14	22:00	25.2	56.0
06/15/14	23:00	26.0	65.3
06/15/14	24:00	20.4	46.4
MAX		41.9	88.6
AVG		19.2	28.1

**Table 3: daily average values of monitored parameters MAD zone during (9 - 5/6/2014)**

Date	Time	PM2.5 µg/m3	PM10 µg/m3
06/09/14	24:00	20.0	30.3
06/10/14	24:00	22.9	38.5
06/11/14	24:00	23.4	35.7
06/12/14	24:00	20.0	41.6
06/13/14	24:00	20.4	16.6
06/14/14	24:00	14.0	27.9
06/15/14	24:00	15.8	52.9
Max		23.4	52.9