

Earth Tech Team Awarded South Africa's National Water Service Authority Benchmarking Project

Vancouver, Canada. (October 19, 2005) – A project team consisting of Earth Tech Inc., Africon and the Palmer Development Group has been selected above forty other bidders to assist the South African government in setting up a Water Service Authority Benchmarking project using a methodology based on the APWA award winning **National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative**.

Under this three-year assignment, the project team will establish a Benchmarking program to measure performance of Water Service Authorities in South Africa in terms of a range of regulatory performance measures, collect data annually on site at participants cities, organize an annual Benchmarking conference and publish an annual report summarizing the results of the Benchmarking program and the proceedings of the conference.

The first year of the South African Benchmarking Initiative will see up to 40 cities participating in the project, with the ultimate aim of having the majority of the country's 280 water service authorities participating over the medium term. This project is seen as a key step to improving the efficiency of South African Water Service Authorities, and will form part of central government's regulation of local government water and sanitation service provision.

This landmark project flows from a skills and knowledge transfer that Earth Tech completed in 2004, where the methodology of the highly successful Canadian National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (www.nationalbenchmarking.ca) was introduced to the South African water sector.

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