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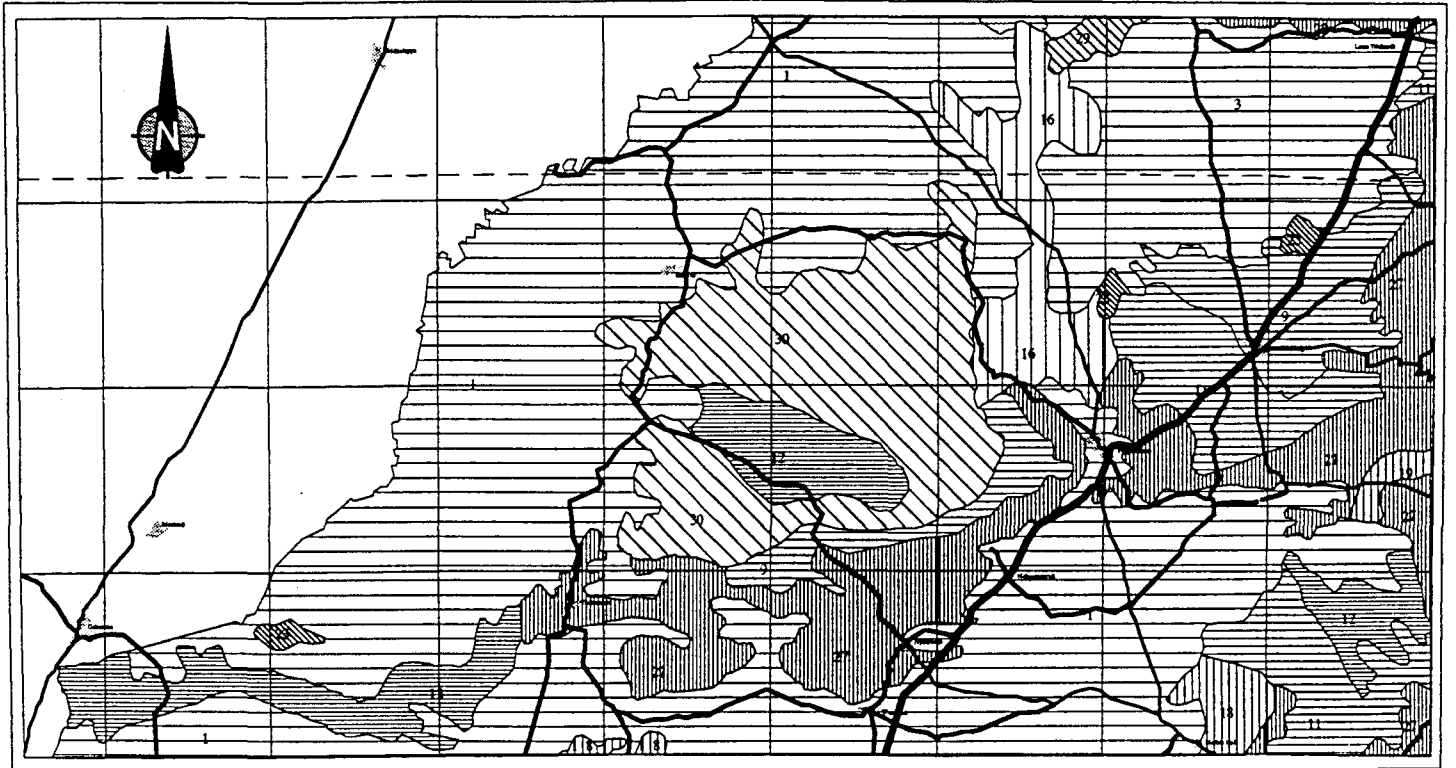
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FIGURE 2 : TERRAIN MORPHOLOGY (KRUGER, 1983)



BROAD DIVISION	MAP SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	DRAINAGE DENSITY (km/km ²)	% AREA WITH SLOPES < 5 %
Plains with low relief	1 3	Plains Slightly undulating plains	low - medium 0 - 2	> 80 %
Plains with moderate relief	9 11	Moderately undulating plains Strongly undulating plains	low - medium 0 - 2	
Lowlands, hills and mountains with moderate to high relief	12 13 16	Lowlands with hills Lowlands with parallel hills Lowlands with mountains	low - medium 0 - 2	50 - 80 %
Open hills, lowlands and mountains with moderate and high relief	18 19	Hills and lowlands Parallel hills and lowlands	medium 0.5 - 2	20 - 50 %
Closed hills and mountains with moderate and high relief	23 27 29	Hills Low mountains High mountains	medium 0.5 - 2	< 20 %
Table lands with moderate to high relief	30	Table lands (mountain and hill plateaux)	medium 0.5 - 2	< 80 %

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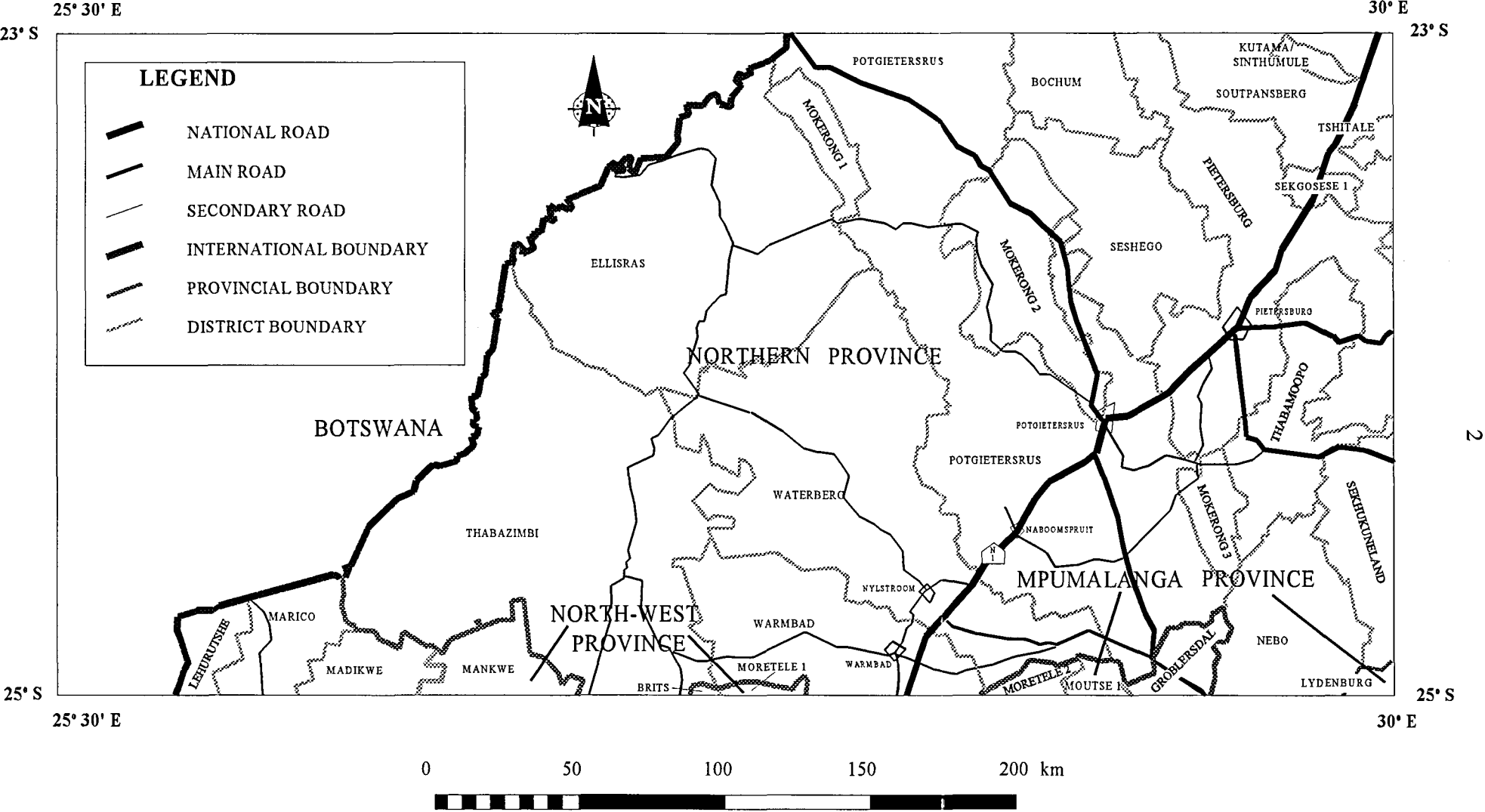
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FIGURE 1: PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS (DWAF, 1994)



FOREWORD

Hydrogeological mapping has been recognised worldwide as a powerful tool in the planning, development and management of groundwater resources, and in the protection of the environment. The cartographic representation of hydrogeological information reflects the state of the art in hydrogeological knowledge and corresponds with the specific requirements of the map-users.

The need for hydrogeological maps of South Africa has been recognised for some time. During 1990 a committee was formed representing the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, Directorate: Geohydrology, the Water Research Commission, the Groundwater Division of the Geological Society of South Africa and the groundwater consulting fraternity, to initiate a process of compiling hydrogeological maps of South Africa as a matter of high priority.

Various workshops and meetings were held and it was finally agreed that a two-pronged approach to the hydrogeological mapping programme should be adopted, namely :

- That immediate priority be given to the production of a national overview map at a scale of 1 : 2 500 000 following the division of South Africa into various hydrogeological regions and sub-regions.
- That this be followed by a series of regional, or reconnaissance, maps at a scale of 1 : 500 000 compiled concurrently with the regional aquifer characterisation programme to be undertaken by the Directorate : Geohydrology of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry. The entire country is covered by 23 of these map sheets and it is envisaged that the programme could be completed by 1999.

The Pietersburg map sheet is thus one of the first maps in this series of regional, or reconnaissance maps at a scale of 1 : 500 000.

AIMS OF THE PROJECT

The main aims of this project were :

- to produce a 1 : 500 000 general hydrogeological map of the Pietersburg 2326 sheet, with an explanation document, according to the protocol and legend developed for the regional hydrogeological map series, during a prior consulting phase, for the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, Directorate: Geohydrology;
- that this hydrogeological map sheet and explanation document serve as a prototype for the production of the 23 map sheets of the 1 : 500 000 hydrogeological map series; and
- to gain experience on regional hydrogeological map production.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The hydrogeological map of sheet 2326 Pietersburg, scale 1 : 500 000, is a reconnaissance map and is the first general synthesis of groundwater resources of this area.

The main aim of this map and explanation document is to serve as a general reference for the planning, development and management of groundwater resources as well as for general educational purposes.

This map portrays general hydrogeological conditions at a relatively small scale and thus cannot be used to determine specific local conditions, for example, siting of individual boreholes.

Site-specific detailed investigations will be required to determine local conditions. This map and explanation document will, however, provide guidelines as to which detailed investigations are required and which hydrogeological conditions are expected to occur.

2 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The map sheet covers the area situated between latitudes 23°S and 25°S and longitude 30° east and the Botswana border to the west. The town of Louis Trichardt is situated in the north-eastern corner and the towns of Northam, Warmbaths, Marble Hall and Nebo are found along the southern boundary.

Approximately 2.2 million people are resident in the area with only approximately 15% living in urban areas, the remaining 85% of the population residing in rural areas (see Table 1 and Figure 1).

TABLE 1 : 1991 POPULATION (CCS, 1991)

DISTRICTS	URBAN POPULATION	RURAL POPULATION	TOTAL POPULATION
KUTAMA/ SINTHUMULE	-	52 000	52 000
TSHITALE	-	800	800
SEKGOSESE 1	2 000	83 000	85 000
BOCHUM	-	150 000	150 000
SESHEGO	60 000	243 000	303 000
MOKERONG 1	-	52 500	52 500
MOKERONG 2	50 000	182 000	232 000
MOKERONG 3	-	162 000	162 000
THABAMOPO	30 000	323 500	353 500
SEKHUKHUNELAND	20 000	80 000	100 000
NEBO	20 000	290 000	310 000
LEHURUTSHE	-	11 000	11 000
MADIKWE & MANKWE	-	30 000	30 000
MORETELE 1 & 2	-	5 000	5 000
MOUTSE 1	-	30 000	30 000
SOUTPANSBERG	12 000	22 000	34 000
PIETERSBURG	50 000	15 000	65 000
POTGIETERSRUS	15 000	55 000	70 000
WATERBERG	8 000	41 000	49 000
WARMBATHS	28 000	6 000	34 000
THABAZIMBI & BRITS	12 000	33 000	45 000
MARICO	-	8 000	8 000
GROBLERSDAL	3 500	3 000	3 500
ELLISRAS	10 000	15 000	25 000
TOTAL	320 500	1 892 800	2 213 300

2.1 TERRAIN MORPHOLOGY AND CLIMATE

The area can be divided into six main terrain morphological units (Kruger, 1983)

see Figure 2, viz.:

- Plains with low relief
- Plains with moderate relief
- Lowlands, hills and mountains with moderate and high relief
- Open hills, lowlands and mountains with moderate and high relief
- Closed hills and mountains with moderate and high relief
- Table lands with moderate to high relief.

The climate is generally hot and dry in the plains areas especially along the Limpopo valley, becoming more moist and cooler in the more mountainous and plateau areas.

The area receives 90% of its annual rainfall between October and March generally in the form of convective thunderstorms.

Mean annual rainfall varies from approximately 380 mm in the Limpopo valley and the plains area south of the Soutpansberg to about 1 500 mm along the Drakensberg escarpment in the east. Rainfall occurrence over the largest part of this area is very erratic and unreliable and long periods of droughts occur. High evaporation rates occur over most of the area. Refer to inset map, *Mean annual rainfall*, on the main map sheet.

2.2 SURFACE WATER

The area can be divided into two main drainage regions, namely the Limpopo River system (A) which covers most of the area, and the Olifants River system (B). Rivers of the Limpopo system mainly flow northwards. See Figure 3 for the location of the surface water drainage basins. Only the Limpopo, Olifants and Crocodile rivers can be considered as perennial, although in exceptionally dry years they may have no flow.

The other rivers have water throughout the wet season but are otherwise dry. These rivers often have underground flow through the alluvial deposits during the dry season.

Major dams are listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2 : MAJOR DAMS (HRU, 1981)

DAM NAME	DRAINAGE BASIN	RIVER	STORAGE CAPACITY (10 ⁶ m ³)
GLEN ALPINE	A6	MOGALAKWENA	24
MOKOLO	A4	MOKOLO	157
DOORNDRAAI	A6	STERK	40
MOLATEDI	A3	MARICO	30
WARMBAD	A2	BUFFELSPRUIT	1
DAP NAUDE	B8	LETABA	2
EBENEZER	B8	LETABA	67
ARABIE	B5	OLIFANTS	100

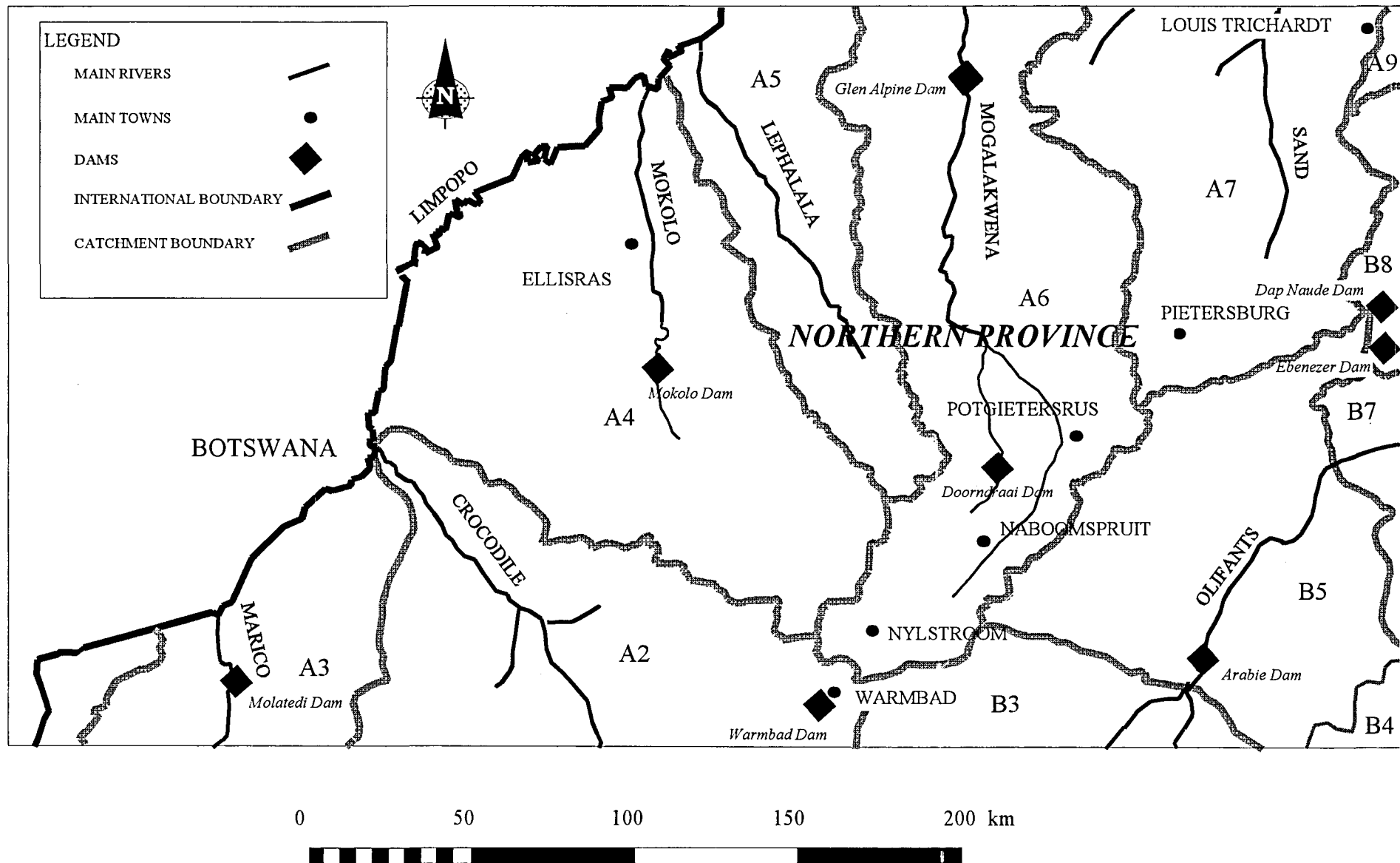
TABLE 6a : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
INTERGRANULAR	Q	Thick, coarse, well graded deposits along the main river channels	Air photo interpretation mechanical probing resistivity soundings seismics electromagnetic soundings depth sampling & grain size analysis radar	80% for achieving yields > 0,3 l/s		Generally good (EC 10 - 300 mS/m) but decreases in dry season. Water quality type varies from a bicarbonate to a chloride type	Usually good storage (5 % to 20 % of aquifer volume). Recharge from river flow. Alluvial aquifers are highly susceptible to pollution.
KARST	Vm	Karstic features in carbonate rocks	Air photo interpretation gravity surveys, resistivity, electromagnetics, magnetometry	75% for achieving yields > 0,3 l/s		Water quality good (EC 70 - 180 mS/m). Water is mostly a magnesium bicarbonate type	Storage can be very good in highly karstic areas (> 10 % of aquifer volume). Karstic aquifers are mostly found in the more mountainous higher rainfall areas and contribute significantly to base flow of rivers. Highly susceptible to pollution.
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	Jl	Deeply weathered zones Contact zone with underlying sandstone	Air photo interpretation Resistivity, electromagnetics magnetometry	70% for achieving yields > 0,3 l/s		Good to moderate EC 70 mS/m - 300 mS/m High nitrates occur in certain areas	Thick clay deposits overly aquifer in certain areas Large scale irrigation occurs along the basalts of the Springbok flats Fertilizer could be the source of the high nitrates
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	TR	Deeply weathered zones	Air photo interpretation Resistivity, electromagnetics magnetometry	70% for achieving yields > 0,3 l/s		Generally good EC < 200 mS/m High fluorides occur in certain areas	Weathered sandstone has similar characteristics to intergranular aquifers

TABLE 5 : SUMMARY OF HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
INTERGRANULAR Ground water occurs mainly in alluvial deposits along the main river channels	Q	Thick, coarse, well graded deposits	Air photo interpretation mechanical probing resistivity soundings seismics electromagnetic soundings depth sampling & grain size analysis		Generally good (EC 10 - 300 mS/m) but decreases in dry season. Water quality type varies from a bicarbonate to a chloride type	Usually good storage (5 % to 20 % of aquifer volume). Recharge mainly from river flow. Alluvial aquifers are highly susceptible to pollution.
WEATHERED & FRACTURED Ground water occurs within the weathered and fractured zones. Rest water level within the weathered zone	Jl, TR, Mt, Vv, Rho, Zgo	Deeply weathered zones	Air photo interpretation resistivity profiling soundings electromagnetic profiling soundings magnetometry		Generally good (EC 70 - 250 mS/m) with high nitrates and fluorides in certain areas. Water quality type generally bicarbonate to a sodium bicarbonate type	Usually good storage (1 % to 10 % of aquifer volume). Water table is generally shallow (< 20 m) except in areas where overabstraction has occurred eg Dendron area. Where shallow water tables occur aquifers are highly susceptible to pollution.
FRACTURED Ground water occurs in fractured zones within the bedrock	Jl, TR, P-TR, Pe, MD, Mw, Ms, Ma, Mko, Mpa, Mle, Vsh, Vt, Vta, Vle, Vp, Vbr, Val, R-V, Rga, Za, Z, Zp	Faults, dyke contact zones, formation contact zones, bedding planes, fracture zones	Air photo interpretation resistivity and electromagnetic profiling, magnetometry		Water quality generally moderate to poor (EC 70 - 450 mS/m). Water quality type is a sodium bicarbonate to chloride type. High nitrates and fluorides occur in certain areas	Storage generally poor (< 1 % of aquifer volume). Boreholes often have high initial yields and if pumped continuously yields drop off dramatically and holes often dry up. Susceptible to pollution at point sources.
KARST Ground water occurs in solution cavities in karstic carbonate rocks	Vm	Karstic features in carbonate rocks	Air photo interpretation gravity surveys, resistivity, electromagnetics, magnetometry		Water quality good (EC 70 - 180 mS/m). Water is mostly a magnesium bicarbonate type	Storage can be very good in highly karstic areas (> 10 % of aquifer volume). Karstic aquifers are mostly found in the more mountainous higher rainfall areas and contribute significantly to base flow of rivers. Highly susceptible to pollution.

FIGURE 3: SURFACE WATER RESOURCES (HRU, 1981)



2.3 GEOLOGY

The geology on this map sheet spans the length of South African geological history and contains most of the major stratigraphic groups in the country (see Figure 4), viz.:

- Basement Complex
- Granite Intrusives
- Ventersdorp Sequence
- Transvaal Sequence
- Bushveld Complex
- Soutpansberg Sequence
- Waterberg Sequence
- Karoo Sequence
- Quaternary.

The Basement Complex which occurs in the northern and eastern portions of the map, consists essentially of granite gneiss with infolded xenoliths of mafic to ultra-mafic material (Zgo), greenstones (Zp), undifferentiated metamorphics (Z), granite gneiss (Za) and migmatite gneiss (Rho). The Basement Complex has been intruded by younger granites (R-V, Rga) of Randian age.

The Greenstone belt (Zp) occurs within the gneisses as a south-west striking belt of steeply folded material ranging from ultra-mafic to mafic lavas, acidic lavas, arenaceous sediments and chemical sediments such as banded iron formation and chert. The sequence was subjected to low grade greenschist facies metamorphism. The central zone of the Limpopo Mobile Belt strikes east-north-east across the north of the map sheet and forms part of the Basement Complex. It is bounded in the south by major faults, i.e. Abbotspoort, Melinda and Vivo faults which have exposed deeper levels of the Earth's crust, hence the high grade of metamorphism of the rocks that prevails within this belt.

The Ventersdorp Sequence represents a massive outpouring of andesitic lava (Val) prior to deposition of the Transvaal Sequence and is found at the base of the

Table 4 gives some water quality guidelines for electrical conductivity in domestic, stock and irrigation water. This table should be read together with the inset map GROUNDWATER QUALITY to determine the suitability of water for the various user groups.

TABLE 4 : GUIDELINES FOR GROUNDWATER QUALITY SUITABILITY (DWAF, 1993)

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY RANGE (mS/m)	SUITABILITY		
	DOMESTIC	STOCK	IRRIGATION
<70	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable
70 - 150	Suitable - slightly salty taste	Suitable	Suitable - salt sensitive crops may show a 10% decrease in yield. Wetting of foliage should be prevented.
150 - 300	Tolerable - a marked salty taste	Suitable	Suitable for moderately salt tolerant crops although a 10% decrease in yield can be expected. Wetting of foliage should be prevented.
300 - 450	Unacceptable - tolerable for short-term consumption only	Suitable, but some loss in productivity can be expected	Tolerable for moderately salt tolerant crops although a 20% decrease in yield can be expected. Wetting of foliage should be prevented.
>450	Totally unacceptable	Tolerable, but may be refused by animals not accustomed to the water	Generally unacceptable.

Other problem chemical species which occur in the area covered by the map sheet includes nitrates and fluorides (see inset map GROUNDWATER QUALITY). Nitrates in concentration of greater than 10 mg/ℓ (N) can cause methaemoglobinaemia (blue baby syndrome) in children younger than 2 years. Fluorides in concentrations greater than 1.5 mg/ℓ (F) can cause brown staining of teeth and crumbling of teeth and bone structure.

7 HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

The hydrogeological assessment is given below in terms of a series of tables (Tables 5, 6). The first table (Table 5) summarises the characteristics of the four main classes of groundwater occurrences and the following tables (Tables 6a - 6h) describe the characteristics of each of the units.

TABLE 3 : SUMMARY OF THE CHARACTERISATION OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY

HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	BICARBONATE WATER (RECHARGE WATER)	SODIUM BICARBONATE WATER (DYNAMIC WATER)	SULPHATE WATER	CHLORIDE WATER (DISCHARGE AND STAGNATION WATER)	
				CA ²⁺ , MG ²⁺	NA ⁺
INTERGRANULAR					
Q	X	X		X	X
WEATHERED AND FRACTURED					
Jl	X		X		
TR		X		X	X
Mt					
Vv					
Rho	X				
Zgo	X				
FRACTURED					
Jl		X	X	X	
TR		X		X	X
P-TR		X		X	X
Pe		X		X	X
MD					
Mw				X	
Ms	X			X	
Ma			X	X	
Mko					
Mpa					
Mle					
Vsh					
Vt					
Vta					X
Vle					
Vp					
Vbr					
Val					
R-V					X
Rga					
Za					
Z	X			X	
Zp					
KARST					
Vm	X				

Transvaal Sequence rocks in the south-western quadrant of the map sheet.

The Transvaal Sequence occurs as steeply dipping strata striking approximately east-west across the map sheet and folded about the Bushveld Complex. The sequence consists of a basal quartzite, shale and basalt layer followed by a period of chemical sediment deposition consisting of a lower banded iron formation and chert layer (Vbr) followed by a thick sequence of dolomite and interlayered chert (Vm). Chemical deposition was followed by cyclic episodes of sandstone and shale deposition (Vle, Vta and Vt). A capping of acidic lava (Vsh) marks the end of Transvaal deposition and the beginning of the intrusion of the Bushveld Complex.

The Bushveld Complex is the largest known igneous intrusive of which the northern, western and eastern lobes are present in the south and central part of the map sheet. It consists of a lower layered ultra-mafic unit, a middle massive gabbro unit, an upper layered mafic unit (Vv) and capped with a red granite and granophyre unit (Mle). The Phalala granites (Mpa) located intermittently along the Abbotspoort and Melinda faults are related to the Bushveld granites.

The Bushveld Complex intrusion was followed by the deposition of the Soutpansberg (Mt, Mw) and Waterberg (Mko, Ma, Ms) Sequences. The Soutpansberg is considered slightly older than the Waterberg and was deposited in the fault bounded troughs of the Limpopo Mobile Belt to form the Soutpansberg and Blouberg mountain ranges. The Waterberg was deposited in the basin formed by sagging of the cooling Bushveld Complex intrusion.

The Soutpansberg differs from the Waterberg in that it has a larger basaltic lava component in an otherwise essentially sedimentary sequence of sandstone and conglomerate.

The Karoo Sequence marks the final major episode of deposition before the break-up of Gondwanaland. The lower formations of the sequence are not represented on the map sheet. The Karoo strata present on this map sheet were deposited in the fault bounded troughs of the Limpopo Mobile belt in the north and the Springbok Flats in the south of the map sheet.

The sequence consists of lower shale, mudstone and sandstone (Pe, P-TR) horizons grading into an upper sandstone layer (TR) and capped by a thick sequence of basalt (JI).

Diabase dykes and sills (MD) are pervasive throughout the whole region. Most dykes are generally related to two main igneous events. The older dykes are thought to be of Bushveld Complex age and the younger dykes are generally of Karoo age. Karoo age dykes were the feeder conduits to the Karoo basalt suggesting that the basalt outpouring probably covered the whole map sheet area prior to Gondwana break-up and removal by erosion.

The youngest strata are thin sequences of Quaternary to Tertiary aeolian Kalahari sand (not shown on map) and alluvial sand deposits along the major drainages in the area.

For more detailed information on the geology refer to the 1 : 250 000 published geological map series and explanation notes :

- 2326 Ellisras
- 2328 Pietersburg
- 2426 Thabazimbi
- 2428 Nylstroom.

- **Sulphate water**

This type of water is dominated by SO_4^{2-} and Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} and occasionally Na^+ . The sulphate water is usually associated with groundwater encountered in lavas and gypsum deposits as for example found in the Letaba basalt (Jl) of the Springbok Flats. A limited number of samples of this water type, were found in the sandstone/conglomerate formation (Ma) of the Waterberg Sequence.

- **Chloride water (Discharge and stagnant waters)**

This type of water is dominated by the anion chloride. The cation content is variable. Where Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} are dominant, water is related to reverse ion exchange (replacement of Na^+ with Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+}). These types of water are found in the Letaba basalt (Jl) north-west of Roedtan, along the Crocodile River (Q) in Karoo sedimentary rocks (TR, PTR, Pe), Waterberg sandstone (Ma, Mw, Ms) and Metamorphic rocks (Z). A predominance of Na^+ and Cl^- indicates an end point of discharge or stagnation of water. This type of water is encountered in Karoo sedimentary rocks (TR, P-TR, Pe), river bed deposits along the Mokolo, Limpopo and Matlabas Rivers (Q), Transvaal shale (Vta) and some granite intrusions (R-V).

6 HYDROGEOCHEMISTRY

The chemical composition of groundwater is the result of interaction between rain water, soils and various rock types. Most of this interaction takes place in the unsaturated zone and later in the saturated zone along the groundwater flow path, where physical and geochemical properties of the rock types influence the type and character of the groundwater quality.

In order to characterise and compare the chemical composition of groundwater in the various rock formations, complete chemical analyses of 3 367 groundwater samples, taken during the period from 1970 to 1994, were utilised.

Due to the large number of groundwater samples, a basic method of general characterisation of water composition known as the Kurlov method (Kurlov, 1928) was used and is based on the relative concentration (meq/ℓ) of major cations and anions.

The results of the analysis show the following and are summarised in Table 3 :

- **Bicarbonate water (Recently recharged groundwater)**

Recently recharged water is usually characterised by a high content of HCO_3^- and $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mg}^{2+}$ content with Mg^{2+} being dominant in groundwater associated with dolomitic aquifers. Groundwater encountered in gneiss (Zgo), undifferentiated metamorphic rocks (Z), migmatite gneiss (Rho), dolomite/chert (Vm), Waterberg sandstone (Ms); Karoo basalt (Jl) and deposits adjacent to the middle part of the Crocodile River (Q) can be classified as bicarbonate water.

- **Sodium bicarbonate water (Dynamic water)**

This type of water is related to the movement of groundwater from recharge areas and normally indicates a cation exchange process. It is dominated by a high content of Na^+ and HCO_3^- . Sodium bicarbonate water has a limited occurrence in the study area being only encountered in the alluvial deposit of the Nyl, Crocodile and Limpopo Rivers (Q) and some fault zones of the Letaba basalt and Karoo sedimentary rocks.

FIGURE 4 : GEOLOGY OF THE AREA COVERED BY MAP SHEET 2326 PIETERSBURG

TABLE 6b : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	Mt	Deeply weathered zones Contact zone with gneiss	Air photo interpretation Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling & soundings Magnetometry	60 % to achieve yields of >0,3 l/s	<p>Weathered & Frac basalt (Mt)</p>	Expected to be good EC < 200 mS/m	Generally mountainous & inaccessible Higher yields expected at the base of the mountain
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	Vv	Deeply weathered zones associated with faults & fracturing & pyroxenite	Air photo interpretation Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling & soundings Magnetometry	60 % to achieve yields of >0,3 l/s	<p>Weathered & Frac gabbro,norite,anorth (Vv)</p>	Good to moderate EC 100 mS/m - 300 mS/m	Water table generally shallow <15m Good aquifers occur north of Potgietersrus
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	Rho	Deeply weathered zones associated with faults & fracturing Pegmatite zones	Air photo interpretation Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling & soundings Magnetometry	50 % to achieve yields of >0,3 l/s	<p>Weathered & Frac gneiss (Rho)</p>	Generally good EC < 200 mS/m	Resource over developed in certain areas Good storage capacity but only moderate recharge
WEATHERED & FRACTURED	Zgo	Deeply weathered zones associated with faults & fracturing Contact zones with amphibolite Pegmatite zones	Air photo interpretation Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling & soundings Magnetometry	50 % to achieve yields of > 3 l/s	<p>Weathered & Frac gneiss (Zgo)</p>	Generally good EC < 200 mS/m	Resource over developed in certain areas Good storage capacity but only moderate recharge High yielding boreholes associated with pegmatite zones

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OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	Za	Fault zones pegmatites quartz veins some dyke contact zones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity and electromagnetic profiling	35 % to achieve yields of 0.3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, granite/gneiss (Za)</p>	Generally moderate to poor (EC 150 - 450 mS/m). Some areas have high nitrates and fluorides.	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0.1 % of aquifer volume). Rest water level generally deep (30 - 60 m).
FRACTURED	Z	Fault zones pegmatites contact zones between mafic and acidic rocks some dyke contact zones Calc-silicates	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity and electromagnetic profiling	30 % to achieve yields of 0.3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, undiff.meta (Z)</p>	Generally moderate to poor (EC 150 - 450 mS/m). Sodium bicarbonate to chloride type water. Some areas have high nitrates and fluorides.	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0.1 % of aquifer volume). Rest water level generally deep (30 - 60 m).
FRACTURED	Zp	Fault zones pegmatites quartz schists schist gneiss contacts dyke contacts	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity and electromagnetic profiling	40 % to achieve yields of 0.3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, greenstones (Zp)</p>	Generally good to moderate (EC 70 - 300 mS/m).	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0.1 % of aquifer volume). Rest water level generally less than 30 m.

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TABLE 6g : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	Vbr	Faults Dyke contacts Fracture zones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	50 % to achieve yields of up to 0,3 l/s	Insufficient data	Expected to be good EC < 150 mS/m	Area occurs on the rim of the escarpment and is generally inaccessible
FRACTURED	Val	Faults Lava flow contacts Contact zone with gneiss & sediments	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	70 % to achieve yields of up to 0,3 l/s	<p>Fractured, andesite (Val)</p>	Expected to be good to moderate EC 50 mS/m - 300 mS/m	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume) Successful boreholes will mostly have very low yields
FRACTURED	R-V	Faults Fracture zones Isolated dyke contacts Contact zone with gneiss & greenstones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	50 % to achieve yields of up to 0,3 l/s	<p>Fractured, granite (R-V)</p>	Expected to be good to moderate EC 50 mS/m - 300 mS/m Bicarbonate to sodium chloride type water	Granites in these areas are generally unweathered and outcrop as scattered koppies Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume) Higher yields are expected on the contact zones with the gneisses and greenstones (up to 3 l/s)
FRACTURED	Rga	Faults Fracture zones Isolated dyke contacts Contact zone with gneiss	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	50 % to achieve yields of up to 0,3 l/s	<p>Fractured, granite (Rga)</p>	Expected to be good to moderate EC 50 mS/m - 300 mS/m Bicarbonate to sodium chloride type water	Granites in these areas are generally unweathered and outcrop as scattered koppies Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume) Higher yields are expected on the contact zones with the gneisses (up to 3 l/s)

TABLE 6f : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	Vt	Dyke & sill contacts Faults Bedding planes Quartzitic zones Contact zone with Bushveld rocks	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	40 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, shale (Vt)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 400 mS/m Sodium bicarbonate to chloride type water	'Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume)
FRACTURED	Vta	Dyke & sill contacts Faults Bedding planes Quartzitic zones Contact zone with Bushveld rocks	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	45 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Frac, quartzite, shale (Vta)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m Sodium bicarbonate to chloride type water	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume)
FRACTURED	Vle	Dyke & sill contacts Faults Bedding planes Quartzitic zones Contact zone with Bushveld rocks	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	35 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Frac, shale & quartzite (Vle)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 400 mS/m Sodium bicarbonate to chloride type water	Poor storage capacity (mostly less than 0,1 % of aquifer volume)
FRACTURED	Vp	Dyke contacts Faults Formation contact zones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	40 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	Insufficient data	Expected to be good EC < 200 mS/m, high iron concentration Bicarbonate to sodium bicarbonate type water	Area is very mountainous and generally inaccessible

TABLE 6e : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	Mko	Faults Bedding planes Contact zones with Bushveld rocks Shear zones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	50 % to achieve yields up to 0,3 l/s	Insufficient data	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m	Resources very limited Higher yields (5 l/s) can be obtained along faults which bound the area
FRACTURED	Mpa	Faults Shear zones	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	45 % to achieve yields up to 0,3 l/s	<p>Fractured, granite (Mpa)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m	Resources very limited Higher yields (5 l/s) can be obtained along faults which bound the area
FRACTURED	Mle	Faults Dyke & sill contacts	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	20 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, granite (Mle)</p>	Good to moderate EC 50 mS/m - 300 mS/m High fluorides can occur	Resources limited due to poor storage capacity & low permeability
FRACTURED	Vsh	Faults Dykes & sill contacts Lava flow contacts	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	20 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, acidic lava (Vsh)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m	Resources limited due to poor storage capacity & low permeability

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A7N581	2329BB00002	MUNICIPALITY	LOUIS TRICHARDT	23 05	29 53	19841101	0722/700
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TABLE 6d : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	MD	Contact zones Faults & fractures	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	55 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, diabase sills (MD)</p>	Generally moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m	Top or bottom sill contacts are often water bearing, the sill itself seldom has water
FRACTURED	Mw	Faults & shear zones Dyke & sill contacts Contact with gneiss Bedding planes	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	55 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, sandstone (Mw)</p>	Generally moderate to poor EC 100 mS/m - 450 mS/m	Large areas mountainous & inaccessible Resources limited Ground water strongly associated with diabase dykes & sills Deep drilling recommended (100m - 150m)
FRACTURED	Ms	Faults & shear zones Dyke & sill contacts Bedding planes	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	45 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, sandstone (Ms)</p>	Generally moderate to poor EC 100 mS/m - 450 mS/m	Some areas mountainous & inaccessible Resources limited Ground water strongly associated with diabase dykes & sills Deep drilling recommended (100m - 150m)
FRACTURED	Ma	Faults & shear zones Dyke & sill contacts Bedding planes	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	40 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, sandstone (Ma)</p>	Generally moderate to poor EC 100 mS/m - 450 mS/m High iron content	Resources limited Ground water strongly associated with diabase dykes & sills Deep drilling recommended (100m - 150m)

TABLE 6c : HYDROGEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

OCCURRENCE OF GROUND WATER	HYDROGEOLOGICAL UNIT	TARGETS FOR BOREHOLE SITING	RECOMMENDED BOREHOLE SITING TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED SUCCESS RATE	BOREHOLE YIELD DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING BOREHOLES	GROUND WATER QUALITY	COMMENTS
FRACTURED	J1	Faults Lava flow contacts	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	50 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, basalt (J1)</p>	Expected to be moderate to poor EC 100 mS/m - 450 mS/m	Resources limited Higher yields (5 l/s) can be obtained along faults which bound the area
FRACTURED	TR	Faults Bedding planes Dyke & sill contacts	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	60 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, sandstone (TR)</p>	Expected to be moderate EC 100 mS/m - 350 mS/m High flourides can occur	Resources limited Higher yields (5 l/s) can be obtained along faults which bound the area Not many dykes & sills occur
FRACTURED	P-TR	Faults Dyke & sill contacts Bedding planes	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	30 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, shale (P-TR)</p>	Good to moderate to poor EC 150 mS/m - 400 mS/m High flourides can occur Quality can vary over short distances	Resources limited due to poor storage capacity Not many dykes & sills occur
FRACTURED	Pe	Faults Dykes & sill contacts Bedding planes	Air photo interpretation Magnetometry Resistivity & electromagnetic profiling	30 % to achieve yields of 0,3 l/s - 3 l/s	<p>Fractured, shale (Pe)</p>	Expected to be moderate to poor EC 150 mS/m - 450 mS/m High flourides can occur Quality can vary over short distances	Resources limited due to poor storage capacity Not many dykes & sills occur

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B5N013	2429AC00002	MODDERFONTEIN	POTGIETERSRUS	24 18	29 12	19681022	0634/580
B5N018	2429AC00004	WILDEBEEESPAN	POTGIETERSRUS	24 27	29 07	19620821	0634/050
B5N031	2429AC00003	DOELEN	POTGIETERSRUS	24 23	29 00	19720215	0634/050
B5N044	2429CA00678	BYZONDERHEID	POTGIETERSRUS	24 36	29 05	19830217	0591/125
B5N046	2429CA00185	HOORNPLAAT	POTGIETERSRUS	24 30	29 04	19840327	0591/125
A10	2429AA00020	PLANKNEK	POTGIETERSRUS	24 10	29 04	19900607	0634/011
DT51	2329CD00036	DOORNBULT	PIETERSBURG	23 49	29 27	19850510	0677/259
PP3	2329CD00026	PELGRIMSHOOP	PIETERSBURG	23 49	29 24	19901109	0677/259
PP5	2329CD00039	PELGRIMSHOOP	PIETERSBURG	23 49	29 24	19910722	0677/259
PP12	2329CD00065	PELGRIMSHOOP	PIETERSBURG	23 49	29 25	19910613	0677/259
RW18	2329DA00007	ROODEWAL	PIETERSBURG	23 38	29 38	19890920	0677/259
S8	2429AA00019	PLANKNEK	POTGIETERSRUS	24 12	29 04	19900607	0634/011
WN16	2429AA00036	WEENEN	POTGIETERSRUS	24 10	29 07	19910129	0634/011

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3 HYDROGEOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION

Due to the unique features of South African hydrogeology the international UNESCO classification (UNESCO 1983) has been adapted in order to obtain a more meaningful picture. The UNESCO classification distinguishes the occurrence of groundwater only according to the primary or secondary nature of openings in the rock. For the Pietersburg map the secondary nature of openings has been further subdivided into Karst, Weathered and Fractured, and Fractured.

The occurrence of groundwater is the map's dominant theme and is subdivided into classes, groups and units. The classes are represented by colours, the expected borehole yield by the tone of the respective colour and the units by lithological ornaments and stratigraphic symbols.

The division into four classes, viz. Intergranular, Weathered and Fractured, Fractured and Karst is based on the dominant porosity type.

The **Intergranular Class** (coloured blue) represents aquifers in which water flows through intergranular pores.

The **Weathered and Fractured Class** (coloured orange and yellow) represents aquifers in which water flows through intergranular pores resulting from decomposition, and fractures or fissures, and is a so-called double porosity medium. The groundwater rest level is within the weathered zone (decomposed area provides storage).

The **Fractured Class** (coloured green) represents aquifers in which water flows through fractures or fissures only.

The **Karst Class** (coloured mauve) represents aquifers in carbonate rocks in which water flows predominantly through solution cavities and/or fractures.

The subdivision of each of the four classes into four groups is principally based on the yield prospects of boreholes for various uses, namely :

- **High**, borehole yields generally $> 10 \text{ l/s}$, can be used for urban supply or large-scale irrigation.
- **Moderate**, borehole yields generally $3 - 10 \text{ l/s}$, can be used for domestic supply to small towns or small-scale irrigation.
- **Low**, borehole yields generally $0.3 - 3 \text{ l/s}$, can be used for domestic supply to rural settlements, or irrigation of community gardens.
- **Very low**, borehole yields generally $< 0.3 \text{ l/s}$, can be used for domestic supply to single homesteads or small rural villages (< 500 persons), or stock watering. Boreholes in this group are mostly equipped with handpumps or windpumps.

The subdivision into units is based on lithostratigraphic criteria.

4 AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND DATA USED

The hydrogeological map of Pietersburg is the result of the analysis and synthesis of all available relevant information. Appendix A gives a list of maps and reports used. Most of these reports contain information on local borehole siting activities or can be classified as simple groundwater inventories. Only a few studies concern regional characterisation, viz. Doornlaagte catchment study around Dendron, evaluation of the Beauty/Swartwater area and the evaluation of the Northern Springbok Flats.

More than 16 000 borehole records were extracted from the National Groundwater Data Base. 15 004 records were used to evaluate borehole yield, 6 710 records of groundwater levels, 7 225 records of electrical conductivity, 4 893 of nitrates and fluorides and 3 367 complete chemical analyses were obtained. An inset map gives the distribution of borehole data over the map sheet.

5 MAPPING METHODOLOGY

Because lithology (rock type) was considered the single most important property affecting the occurrence of groundwater, it was used as the basic building block for the map. The map sheet was thus subdivided into hydrogeologically relevant lithological units capable of being distinguished at the scale of the map.

These lithological units were then grouped together according to their capacity to store and transmit groundwater expected to occur in the various rock types, i.e. intergranular, weathered and fractured, fractured, or karst.

Each of the classes of groundwater occurrence was then subdivided into different groups of expected borehole yield using existing borehole records. This was done by superimposing a 1 minute by 1 minute grid over the map sheet and colour coding each grid block according to the maximum borehole yield. Four colour codes were used corresponding to the group subdivision i.e. $> 10 \text{ l/s}$, $3 - 10 \text{ l/s}$, $0.3 - 3 \text{ l/s}$ and $< 0.3 \text{ l/s}$. From the colour coded grid, regional trends were manually identified and delineated. Where no information was available, interpolations were made from other hydrogeologically similar areas.

Once the classes and groups of groundwater occurrence were delineated, hydrogeological units could then be distinguished by means of the lithological ornaments and stratigraphic symbols.

To avoid cluttering the map, various smaller-scale inset maps were included, viz.:

- Diagrammatic cross-sections showing the third dimension and hydrogeological relationships
- Distribution of borehole data used
- Mean annual rainfall
- Water quality in terms of electrical conductivity in mS/m and problem chemical species (nitrates and fluorides)
- Depth to groundwater, showing the regional trend of the groundwater table
- Recharge potential which gives a qualitative assessment of that portion of the natural precipitation which replenishes the groundwater resources.