

## ***Appendix A: Supplementary Information***

### **Estrogenic activity, chemical levels and health risk assessment of municipal distribution point water from Pretoria and Cape Town, South Africa**

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### A.1. UPLC-MS/MS instrument and method information

The instrument and method information, MRM transitions and elution gradient for the UPLC-MS/MS analysis of the distribution point water for the selected target chemicals is summarized in Tables A.1.1, A.1.2 and A.1.3 respectively.

**Table A.1.1:** Instrument and method for UPLC-MS/MS analysis

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Instrument              | Waters Xevo TQ MS  |
| Sample introduction     | Waters Acquity UPLC (3 $\mu$ L injection)                        |
| Solvent A               | 7.5% formic acid   |
| Solvent B               | Acetonitrile: MeOH: iPrOH 49:49:2                                |
| Source                  | ESCI+  |
| MS settings:            |  |
| Capillary voltage       | 2.8 kV   |
| Source                  | 120°C  |
| Desolvation temperature | 400°C  |
| Desolvation gas         | 600 L/h  |
| Cone gas                | 60 L/h   |
| Column                  | Waters BEH C18, 2.1 x 100 mm, @ 50°C, injection volume 3 $\mu$ L |

**Table A.1.2:** Gradient employed for elution of the selected chemicals

| <b>Time (min)</b> | <b>Flow (mL/min)</b> | <b>%A</b> | <b>%B</b> | <b>Curve</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 0.00              | 0.35                 | 80        | 20        | initial      |
| 0.04              | 0.35                 | 80        | 20        | 6            |
| 1.00              | 0.35                 | 65        | 35        | 5            |
| 5.00              | 0.35                 | 50        | 50        | 6            |
| 6.00              | 0.35                 | 20        | 80        | 6            |
| 6.10              | 0.35                 | 0         | 100       | 6            |
| 10.00             | 0.35                 | 0         | 100       | 6            |
| 10.01             | 0.35                 | 80        | 20        | 1            |
| 11.00             | 0.35                 | 80        | 20        | 6            |

**Table A.1.3:** MRM transitions for each of the selected chemicals

| <b>Compound name</b>      | <b>Parent (m/z)</b> | <b>Daughter (m/z)</b> | <b>Cone (V)</b> | <b>Collision (V)</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 4-Nonylphenol             | 454.2               | 171                   | 40              | 35                   |
| Estrone                   | 504                 | 171                   | 50              | 35                   |
| B-estradiol               | 506                 | 171                   | 50              | 35                   |
| 17-alpha-ethenylestradiol | 530                 | 156                   | 50              | 35                   |
| 17-alpha-ethenylestradiol | 530                 | 171                   | 50              | 35                   |
| Bisphenol A               | 695.4               | 170                   | 50              | 35                   |

## A.2. UPLC-MS/MS analysis – individual results for four sampling periods

The individual results for each of the four sampling periods are given in Table A.2.

**Table A.2:** Target chemical concentrations (ng/L) in distribution point water from Pretoria (PTA) and Cape Town (CPT), South Africa, using UPLC-MS/MS

| Site  | Month    | BPA  | NP  | DEHA | DBP    | DEHP   | DINP   | E <sub>2</sub> | E <sub>1</sub> | EE <sub>2</sub> |
|-------|----------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| PTA01 | Oct 2013 | 0.06 | <dl | 2.66 | 200.34 | 55.37  | 44.90  | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
|       | Jan 2014 | 1.14 | <dl | 3.95 | 220.34 | 92.03  | 43.90  | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
|       | Apr 2014 | 0.17 | <dl | 2.37 | 175.56 | 118.86 | 26.67  | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
|       | Jul 2014 | 0.39 | <dl | 1.64 | 260.18 | 46.42  | <dl    | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
| PTA02 | Oct 2013 | 0.60 | <dl | 3.15 | 258.11 | 52.50  | 25.39  | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
|       | Jan 2014 | <dl  | <dl | 2.97 | 302.28 | 332.86 | 187.22 | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
|       | Apr 2014 | <dl  | <dl | 2.36 | 372.51 | 81.76  | <dl    | 0.03           | 2.32           | <dl             |
|       | Jul 2014 | 0.74 | <dl | 2.21 | 155.65 | <dl    | <dl    | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |
| PTA03 | Oct 2013 | 4.24 | <dl | 2.96 | 291.85 | 64.05  | 10.24  | <dl            | 3.41           | <dl             |
|       | Jan 2014 | 5.74 | <dl | 3.60 | 402.69 | 152.04 | 56.05  | <dl            | <dl            | <dl             |

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|-------|----------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|--------|-----|------|-----|
|       | Apr 2014 | 4.46 | <dl | 3.10 | 347.61 | 67.56  | 11.85  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jul 2014 | 0.73 | <dl | 3.12 | 235.26 | 44.30  | <dl    | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
| PTA04 | Oct 2013 | 0.01 | <dl | 1.95 | 158.62 | <dl    | 11.40  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jan 2014 | <dl  | <dl | 3.15 | 271.63 | 44.03  | 26.38  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Apr 2014 | 0.07 | <dl | 2.83 | 261.09 | 247.13 | 49.56  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jul 2014 | 7.80 | <dl | 2.56 | 270.71 | 67.78  | 26.91  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
| PTA05 | Oct 2013 | 0.16 | <dl | 1.38 | <dl    | <dl    | <dl    | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jan 2014 | 0.25 | <dl | 1.07 | <dl    | <dl    | <dl    | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Apr 2014 | 0.34 | <dl | 2.87 | 335.51 | 146.83 | 8.34   | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jul 2014 | 9.88 | <dl | 2.55 | 185.39 | 51.25  | <dl    | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
| PTA06 | Oct 2013 | 0.34 | <dl | 3.65 | 390.69 | 130.93 | 61.03  | <dl | 2.33 | <dl |
|       | Jan 2014 | <dl  | <dl | 3.94 | 361.73 | 82.28  | <dl    | <dl | 4.89 | <dl |
|       | Apr 2014 | 0.22 | <dl | 4.60 | 312.76 | <dl    | 112.20 | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jul 2014 | 1.99 | <dl | 2.66 | 138.71 | 66.59  | 6.30   | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
| PTA07 | Oct 2013 | 0.67 | <dl | 3.12 | 248.17 | 73.20  | 77.25  | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Jan 2014 | 0.44 | <dl | 3.26 | 128.82 | <dl    | 117.84 | <dl | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Apr 2014 | 0.19 | <dl | 3.82 | 148.22 | <dl    | 140.87 | <dl | <dl  | <dl |

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|------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|            | Jul 2014       | 0.39        | <dl           | 2.61        | 179.40        | 222.77        | 85.57        | <dl         | <dl         | <dl         |
| PTA08      | Oct 2013       | 1.81        | <dl           | 3.05        | 249.22        | 60.71         | 18.53        | <dl         | <dl         | 0.06        |
|            | Jan 2014       | 0.33        | <dl           | 1.79        | 279.79        | <dl           | <dl          | <dl         | <dl         | 0.02        |
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| PTA10      | Oct 2013       | 0.30        | <dl           | 3.28        | 346.31        | 83.08         | 46.10        | <dl         | <dl         | <dl         |
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|            | Jul 2014       | 0.10        | <dl           | 1.24        | <dl           | <dl           | <dl          | <dl         | <dl         | <dl         |
| <b>PTA</b> | <b>Average</b> | <b>1.33</b> | <b>&lt;dl</b> | <b>2.76</b> | <b>263.33</b> | <b>116.43</b> | <b>49.24</b> | <b>0.03</b> | <b>3.24</b> | <b>0.02</b> |
|            | <b>Median</b>  | <b>0.39</b> | <b>&lt;dl</b> | <b>2.85</b> | <b>260.18</b> | <b>78.09</b>  | <b>37.50</b> | <b>0.03</b> | <b>2.87</b> | <b>0.02</b> |
| CPT01      | Oct 2013       | 0.12        | <dl           | 3.25        | 950.08        | 62.36         | 1250.75      | <dl         | <dl         | <dl         |
|            | Jan 2014       | 0.16        | <dl           | 4.36        | 702.11        | 364.47        | 81.68        | <dl         | <dl         | <dl         |

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|       | Apr 2014 | 0.16 | <dl | 3.97 | 574.95 | 169.06  | 34.00  | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |
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|       | Jul 2014 | 0.18 | <dl | 2.32 | 233.15 | 40.20   | <dl    | 0.02 | 0.36 | <dl |
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|       | Jan 2014 | 1.64 | <dl | 3.31 | 285.58 | 196.94  | 171.74 | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |
|       | Apr 2014 | 1.94 | <dl | 2.64 | 172.50 | 74.28   | 35.32  | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |
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|       | Jul 2014 | 2.62 | <dl | 3.51 | 222.90 | 117.14  | 30.44  | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |
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|       | Apr 2014 | 0.28 | <dl | 3.59 | 827.83 | 257.73  | 32.86  | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |



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|       | Apr 2014 | 3.47  | <dl | 4.70 | 347.41 | 544.54 | 40.78  | <dl  | <dl  | <dl |
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|            | <b>Median</b>  | <b>0.26</b> | <b>&lt;dl</b> | <b>3.38</b> | <b>342.62</b> | <b>103.25</b> | <b>54.81</b>  | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.75</b> | <b>&lt;dl</b> |

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