

# Eurofins ELS Ltd.

# **Analytical Report**

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Attention: Andrew McAuley

Sample	Site		Map Ref.	Date Sampled	Date Received	
13/6826-0 Notes:	Domestic Water S	Supply		11/03/2013 00:00	12/03/2013 08	30 0
	Test	Result	Units	Comments	s	Signatory
0001	рН	7.7		Passes GV	of 7.0 to 8.5	Vinia Buntoro KTP
0052	Alkalinity - Total	180	g CaCO3/m³	Not a NZD	WS test	Marylou Cabral KTP
0055	Conductivity at 25°C	46.4	mS/m	Not a NZD	WS test	Vinia Buntoro KTP
0055B	Total Dissolved Solids	255	g/m³	Below GV	of 1000	Vinia Buntoro KTP
0084	Turbidity	1.84	NTU	Below GV	of 2.5	Gordon McArthur KTP
0601	Fluoride	0.43	g/m³	See Notes	Below	Shanel Kumar KTP
0602	Chloride	36.6	g/m³	Below GV	of 250	Shanel Kumar KTP
0605	Nitrate - Nitrogen	< 0.01	g/m³	Passes MA	V Limit of 11.3	Shanel Kumar KTP
0607	Sulphate	2.05	g/m³	Below GV	of 250	Shanel Kumar KTP
1602	Arsenic - Acid Soluble	< 0.005	g/m³	Passes MA	V Limit of 0.01	Tina James KTP
1606	Boron - Acid Soluble	0.04	g/m³	Passes MA	NV Limit of 1.4	Tina James KTP
1610	Calcium - Acid Soluble	40.1	g/m³	See Total I	Hardness	Tina James KTP
1615	Copper - Acid Soluble	< 0.005	g/m³	Below GV	of 1	Tina James KTP
1619	Iron - Acid Soluble	0.346	g/m³	Above GV	of 0.2	Tina James KTP
1622	Magnesium - Acid Soluble	11.8	g/m³	See Total I	Hardness	Tina James KTP
1623	Manganese - Acid Soluble	0.267	g/m³	Passes MA	NV Limit of 0.4	Tina James KTP
1629	Potassium - Acid Soluble	4.48	g/m³	Not a NZD	WS test	Tina James KTP
1634	Sodium - Acid Soluble	30.7	g/m³	Below GV	of 200	Tina James KTP
1641	Zinc - Acid Soluble	0.006	g/m³	Below GV	of 1.5	Tina James KTP
1642	Total Hardness 149		g CaCO3/m³	Above Mod	derate Hardness	Tina James KTP
				Level of 10	0	
1643	Silica	44.5	g/m³	Not a NZD	WS test	Tina James KTP
Z9602B	Overall Compliance	NZDWS		See Notes	Below	Jacinta Hira-Wilson .

### Comments:

Sampled by customer using ELS approved containers.

### **Comments on Individual Test Results**

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pH measures how acidic or basic the water sample is. Waters with low pH can be corrosive and those with a high pH can promote scale formation in pipes and hot water cylinders. The guideline value for pH in the NZ Drinking Water Standards is 7.0 to 8.5 so the pH of this sample complies with this value.

### Alkalinity - Tota

Alkalinity is a measure of a waters ability to neutralise acid and is not listed in the NZ Drinking Water Standards. It is included here as a general water quality parameter and can be used as part of the Saturation Index calculation.

Conductivity at 25°C

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Conductivity is not listed in the NZ Drinking Water Standards and is an indicator of how many ions are dissolved in the water such as chloride, sulphate and iron. The result is used to calculate the Total Dissolved Solids content of a sample.

#### **Total Dissolved Solids**

Total Dissolved Solids is calculated from the conductivity result and has a Guideline Value in the NZ Drinking Water Standards of 1,000 g/m3. The result for this sample complies with this limit.

#### Turbidity

Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles. The result for this sample passes the NZ Drinking Water Standards limit of 2.5 NTU.

#### Fluoride

Non-fluoridated supplies can have naturally occurring fluoride levels ranging from zero to 0.5 g/m3. The Ministry of Health recommends that the concentration of fluoride in fluoridated drinking-water supplies be between 0.7 and 1.0 g/m3 and lists a Maximum Allowable Value of 1.5 g/m3. The level of fluoride in this sample complies with this limit.

### Chloride

Chloride is usually present in water sources as sodium chloride - or salt. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 250 g/m3, above which the water can taste salty and cause corrosion. The level of chloride in this sample is below the limit.

#### Nitrate - Nitrogen

Nitrate-Nitrogen is introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter, and from septic tanks and effluent ponds. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Maximum Allowable Value of 11.3 g/m3. The level of nitrate-nitrogen in this sample complies with this limit.

#### Sulphate

Sulphate is present in some New Zealand soils and can cause taste problems at high levels. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 250 g/m3, above which the water can taste bad and smell of sulphur. The level of sulphate in this sample is below the limit.

### Arsenic - Acid Soluble

Arsenic is found in some soils around New Zealand and this can lead to elevated arsenic levels in some bore waters. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Maximum Allowable Value of 0.01 g/m3. The level of arsenic in this sample complies with this limit.

### Boron - Acid Soluble

Boron is introduced to water supplies through the weathering of rocks or from geothermal processes. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Maximum Acceptable Value of 1.4 g/m3. The level of boron in this sample complies with this limit.

## Copper - Acid Soluble

Copper is introduced to water supplies through the weathering of rocks, from geothermal processes and from copper pipes and can cause a blue stain at elevated levels. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 1 g/m3 and Maximum Acceptable Value of 2 g/m3. The level of copper in this sample complies with both limits.

### Iron - Acid Soluble

Iron is an essential element that is very common in NZ water. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 0.2 g/m3. The level of iron in this sample is above the limit indicating the water may cause brown staining of laundry and basins. This does not indicate a health risk.

### Manganese - Acid Soluble

Manganese is introduced to water supplies through the weathering of rocks and is common in NZ. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 0.04 g/m3 and a Maximum Allowable Value of 0.4 g/m3. The level of manganese in this sample passes the MAV limit of 0.4 g/m3 but may cause staining of laundry and basins.

### Potassium - Acid Soluble

Potassium is not listed in the NZ Drinking Water Standards and is included here as a likely indicator of dairy farm contamination.

### Sodium - Acid Soluble

Sodium is usually present in water sources as sodium chloride - or salt. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 200 g/m3, above which the water can taste salty and cause corrosion. The level of sodium in this sample is below the limit.

## Zinc - Acid Soluble

Zinc is introduced to water supplies through the weathering of rocks and from galvanised pipes. The NZ Drinking Water Standards lists a Guideline Value of 1.5 g/m3. The level of zinc in this sample is below this limit.

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#### **Total Hardness**

Hardness is derived from the calcium and magnesium content of the water and indicates the likelihood of scale formation inside pipes and kettles. The level of hardness in this sample indicates a moderate to hard water.

### Silica

Silica is a hard, glassy mineral substance and is one of the most abundant elements on earth. It is released during the weathering of rocks and is only slightly soluble in water. Because of this, water with high levels of silica can form scale in water heaters and kettles. Silica is not listed in the NZ Drinking Water Standards.

### Overall Compliance

All results are measured against the NZ Drinking Water Standards (NZDWS) Guideline Value (GV) and/or Maximum Allowable Value (MAV). Results flagged as above or below a GV do not indicate a health risk, but may require treatment to remedy. Results that exceed a MAV are highlighted in the 'Comments on Individual Test Results' section in red text indicating the water may not be safe to drink. If all comments are shown in black text then the water can be considered to pass the NZ Drinking Water Standards - limited to the tests we have performed - and can be considered safe to drink. E.coli must be included in this report as a passed result in order to claim that the water is safe to drink.

### **Test Methodology:**

Test	Methodology	Detection Limit
рН	Dedicated pH meter following APHA 21st Edition Method 4500 H.	0.1
Alkalinity - Total	APHA 21st Edition Method 2320 B	1 g CaCO3/m³
Conductivity at 25°C	APHA 21st Edition Method 2510 B.	0.1 mS/m
Total Dissolved Solids	Conductivity reading in mS/m x 5.5. The result by this method should be considered approximate only.	1 g/m³
Turbidity	Turbidity Meter following APHA 21st Edition Method 2130 B.	0.01 NTU
Fluoride	Ion Chromatography following USEPA 300.0 (modified).	0.02 g/m³
Chloride	Ion Chromatography following USEPA 300.0 (modified).	0.02 g/m³
Nitrate - Nitrogen	Ion Chromatography following USEPA 300.0 (modified).	0.01 g/m³
Sulphate	Ion Chromatography following USEPA 300.0 (modified).	0.02 g/m³
Arsenic - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified)	0.005 g/m³
Boron - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified)	0.01 g/m³
Calcium - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.05 g/m³
Copper - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified)	0.005 g/m³
Iron - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.005 g/m³
Magnesium - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.01 g/m³
Manganese - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.005 g/m³
Potassium - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.05 g/m³
Sodium - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	0.05 g/m³
Zinc - Acid Soluble	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified)	0.005 g/m³
Total Hardness	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified).	1 g CaCO3/m³
Silica	ICP-OES following APHA 21st Edition Method 3120 B (modified)	0.02 g/m³
Overall Compliance	Compliance Compliance is measured against the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008).	

<sup>&</sup>quot;<" means that no analyte was found in the sample at the level of detection shown. Detection limits are based on a clean matrix and may vary according to individual sample.

g/m3 is the equivalent to mg/L and ppm.

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Samples will be retained for a period of time, in suitable conditions appropriate to the analyses requested.

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