



Test Report: Dust Fallout & Metals Monitoring – June 2026

Prepared for

Saldanha Bay Municipality

Test Dates: 8 May to 8 June 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ABBREVIATIONS

BDL	Below Detection Limit
DEAT	Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism
EPA	See US EPA
ℓ/min	Litres per minute
m.s ⁻¹	Metres per second
m ³	Cubic metres
Max	Maximum
mg/m ³	milligrams per cubic metre
Min	Minimum
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter of aerodynamic diameter less than 10mm
ppm	Parts per million
SABS	South African Bureau of Standards
SW	Southwest
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
WHO	World Health Organisation

1 INTRODUCTION

Dust fallout sampling was conducted by Skyside South Africa (Pty) Ltd. since January 2024 at seven (7) sites, including the monitoring and heavy metals (iron, lead, zinc, manganese and copper), in the Saldanha Bay Municipal Area.

Sampling initially commenced in 2015, and samplers are exchanged and collected monthly.

A dust fallout and metals contamination impact assessment will be performed using this data.

1.1 Scope of Work

Skyside's understanding of the scope of work is as follows:

- To measure dust fallout rates at seven (7) sampling points.
- Monthly collection of samples for duration of the project.
- Monthly sample analysis of seven (7) gravimetric samples per month.
- Elemental sample analysis of samples for iron, lead, zinc, manganese and copper.
- Monthly results to be sent to the client in electronic format.
- Data interpretation and reporting to be submitted electronically.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Sample Location

Dust fallout sampling was conducted the seven (7) sites detailed in Table 2.1 below.

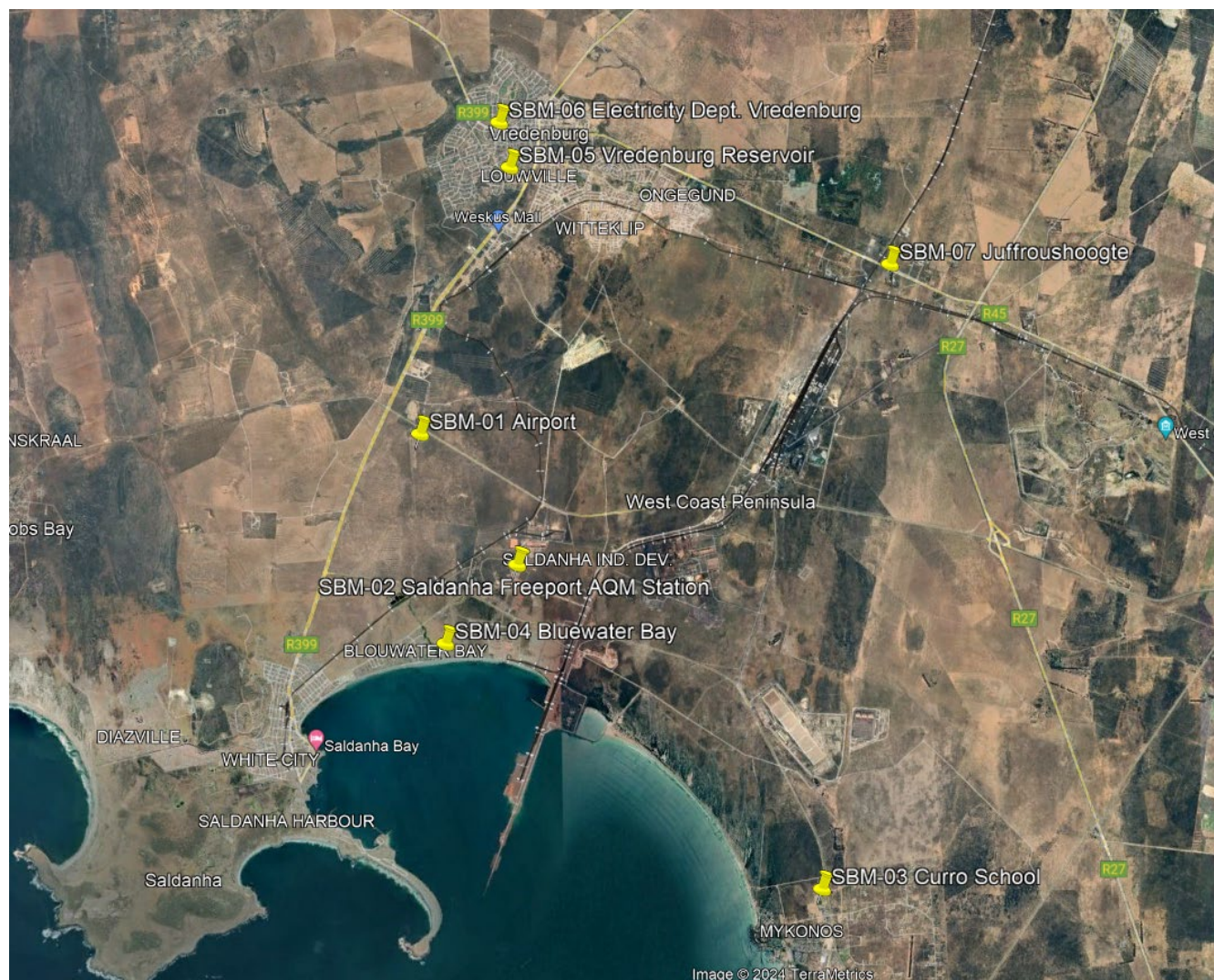
Table 2.1 Dust Fallout Monitoring Sites

Saldanha Bay Dust Fallout Monitoring Network Monitoring Site Locations		
<i>Vredenburg Electricity Dept.: SBM-06</i>	32° 54' 27.2" S	17° 59' 13.7" E
<i>Vredenburg Reservoir: SBM-05</i>	32° 54' 56.1" S	17° 59' 12.9" E
<i>Juffroushoogte: SBM-07</i>	32° 56' 13.8" S	18° 04' 33.6" E
<i>Airport: SBM-01</i>	32° 57' 34.5" S	17° 58' 12.5" E
<i>Saldanha AQM Freeport Station: SBM-02</i>	32°58'56.16"S	17°59'21.57"E
<i>Blue Water Bay: SBM-04</i>	32° 59' 43.8" S	17° 58' 24.7" E
<i>Curro School: SBM-03</i>	33° 02' 16.2" S	18° 02' 59.9" E

Sites selected had to be:

- Along the prevailing wind vector for the area.
- Distributed evenly within the Saldanha Bay Municipality Area and near areas of possible contamination.

Figure 2.1.: Location of Dust Fallout samplers for Saldanha Bay Municipality



2.2 Dust Fallout

Dust fallout samplers were initially deployed in Nov 2015, and samples are collected and analysed monthly at a SANS 17025 accredited facility for insoluble matter content using a gravimetric methodology, in accordance with ASTM D1739: 1970, or demonstrable equivalent, a requirement in terms of the SA National Standards (SANS 1929:2005 - Edition 1.1) and Dust Fallout Regulations.

The insoluble matter contest is then analysed for heavy metals using ICP (OES) by a SANAS Accredited Laboratory for Iron (Fe), Lead (Pb), Manganese (Mn), Copper (Cu) and Zinc (Zn).

3 GUIDELINES AND AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

3.1 Dust Fallout

In terms of the *Government Gazette* Volume 476, No. 27318, the South African Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 was promulgated in 2005. The South African National Dust Control Regulations describes the proposed guidelines for dust fallout, an extract of which is discussed briefly below.

A standard for the acceptable dustfall rate is set out in Table 3.1. The target, action and alert thresholds are shown in Table 3.2.

Table 3.1: Evaluation criteria for Dust Fallout

Restriction Areas	Dust Fall rate (D) mg/m ² /day. (30-day average)	Comment
Residential	D < 600	Permissible for residential and light commercial
Non-Residential	600 < D < 1200	Permissible for heavy commercial and industrial

For heavy commercial and industrial regions, the new guidelines state that monthly average dust fallout concentrations below 1200mg/m²/day “are permissible”. For residential regions, monthly average dust fallout concentrations not exceeding 600mg/m²/day “are permissible”.

Table 3.2: Acceptable Dust Fall Rates

Restriction Areas	Dust fallout rate (D) mg/m ² /day (30-day average)	Averaging period	Permitted frequency of exceeding dust fall rate
residential	D<600	30 days	2 within a year, not sequential months
Non-residential	600<D<1200	30 days	2 within a year, not sequential months

The target annual average dust fallout concentration is 300mg/m²/day. This is an ultimate goal set to achieve “ongoing improvement”, even in areas where compliance with all other guidelines can be demonstrated. The monthly average “action level” for residential regions is 600mg/m²/day and for industrial regions 1200mg/m²/day. Exceptions are granted where elevated concentrations arise on a regional scale from adverse meteorological conditions. Background dust monitoring sites can be used to identify and monitor impacts of such exceptions. Access to historical and current meteorological information, particularly wind conditions, can be used to distinguish between “adverse” and “normal” meteorological conditions.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Dust fallout and heavy metal results:

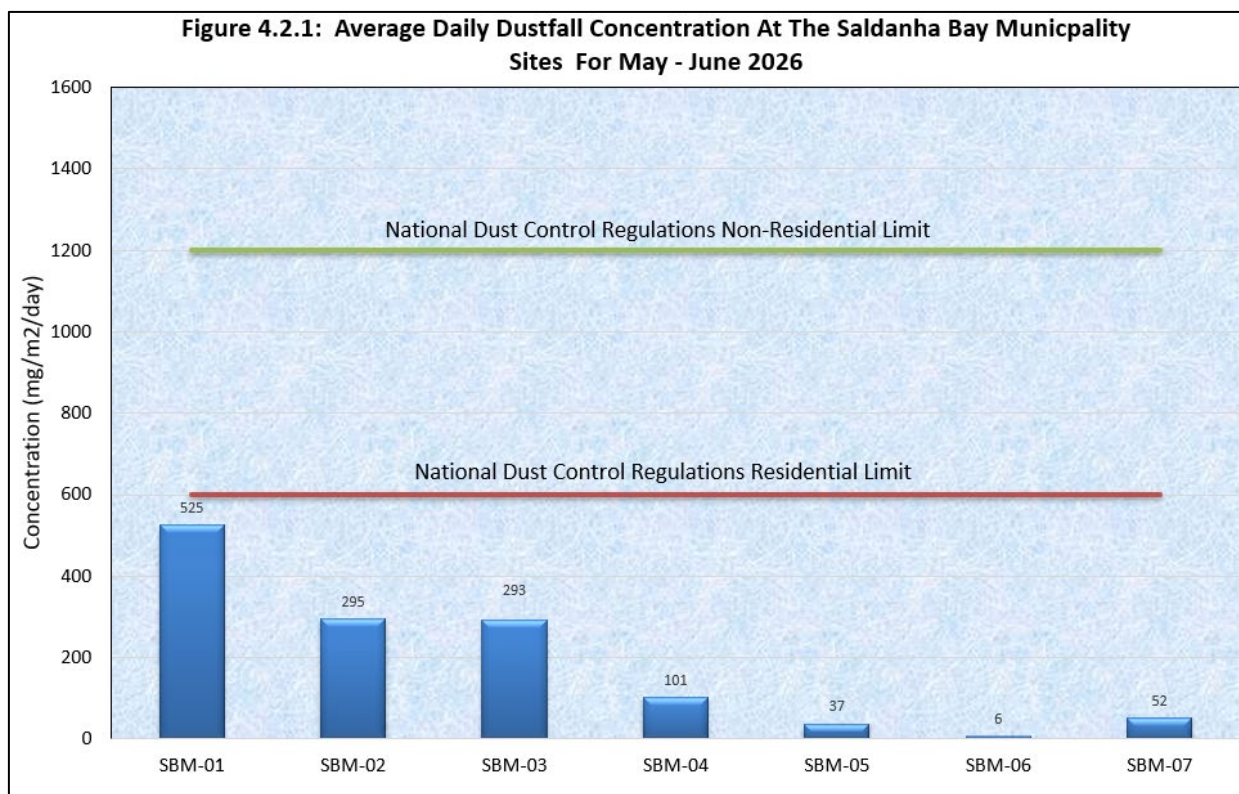
Table 4.1 Dust fallout and Heavy Metal Results for review period. Exceedance of Dust Fallout Industrial Standards in Red

Sampling Site	Sampling Start Date	Sampling End Date	Net Mass (g)	No. of Days	Dust Fall rate (mg/m ² /day)	Lead (ppm)	Copper (ppm)	Zinc (ppm)	Iron (ppm)	Manganese (ppm)
SBM-01	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.387	31	525	8	26	165	2 429	106
SBM-02	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.217	31	295	5	18	65	2 765	65
SBM-03	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.216	31	293	106	74	509	12 500	1 204
SBM-04	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.075	31	101	27	40	213	6133	560
SBM-05	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.027	31	37	148	111	1 296	2 1481	1 519
SBM-06	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.004	31	6	1 250	1 500	9 250	192 500	12 750
SBM-07	08-May-26	08-Jun-26	0.038	31	52	53	158	526	24 211	8947

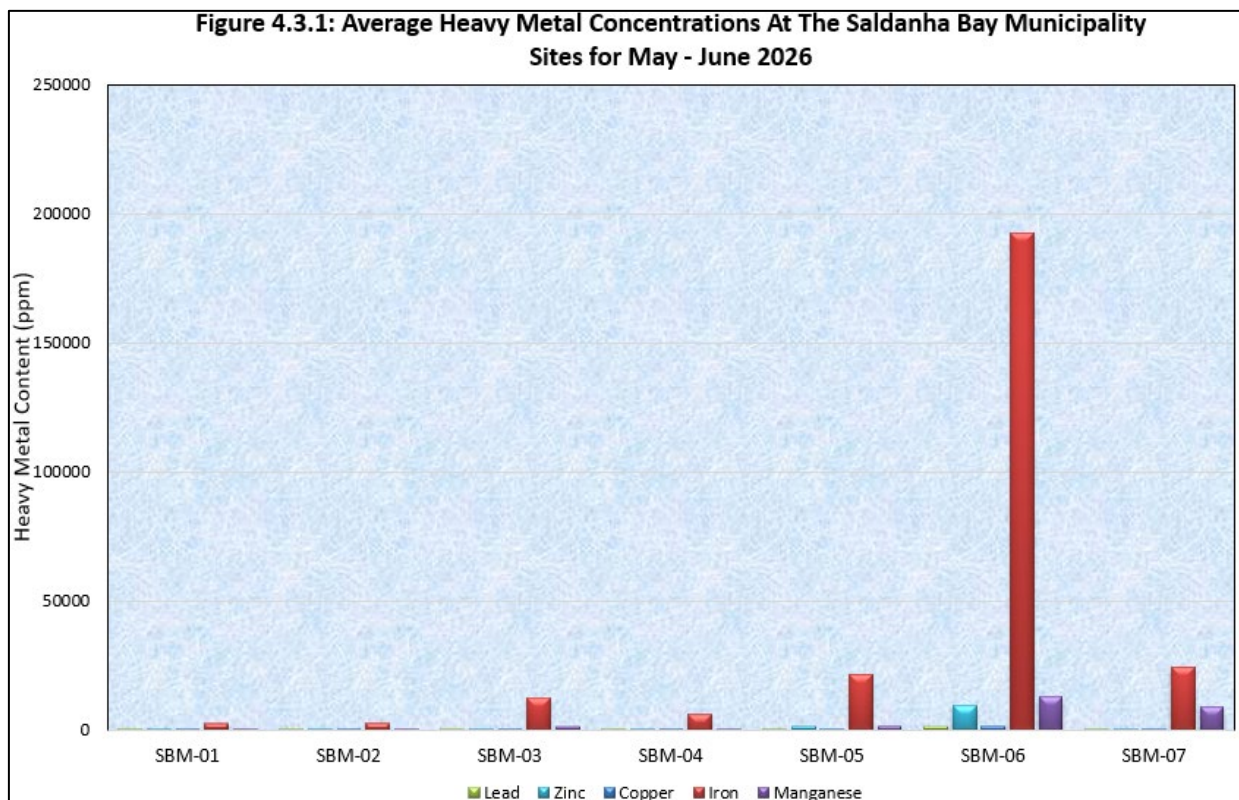
Table 4.2 Lead content (net mass, mg) in dust fallout, past 12 months: Jul 2025 – Jun 2026

Site/Period	Jun - Jul 25	Jul - Aug 25	Aug - Sep 25	Sep - Oct 25	Oct-Nov 25	Nov-Dec 25	Dec 25-Jan 26	Jan-Feb 26	Feb-Mar 26	Mar-Apr 26	Apr-May 26	May-Jun 26
SBM-01	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003
SBM-02	0.007	0.043	0.010	0.044	0.015	0.008	0.009	0.018	0.017	0.010	0.004	0.001
SBM-03	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.0005	0.001	0.0005	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.023
SBM-04	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.005	0.002	0.0005	0.001	0.0005	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002
SBM-05	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.011	0.017	0.006	0.013	0.012	0.011	0.017	0.002	0.004
SBM-06	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.013	0.012	0.009	0.016	0.01	0.018	0.036	0.022	0.005
SBM-07	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.057	0.002

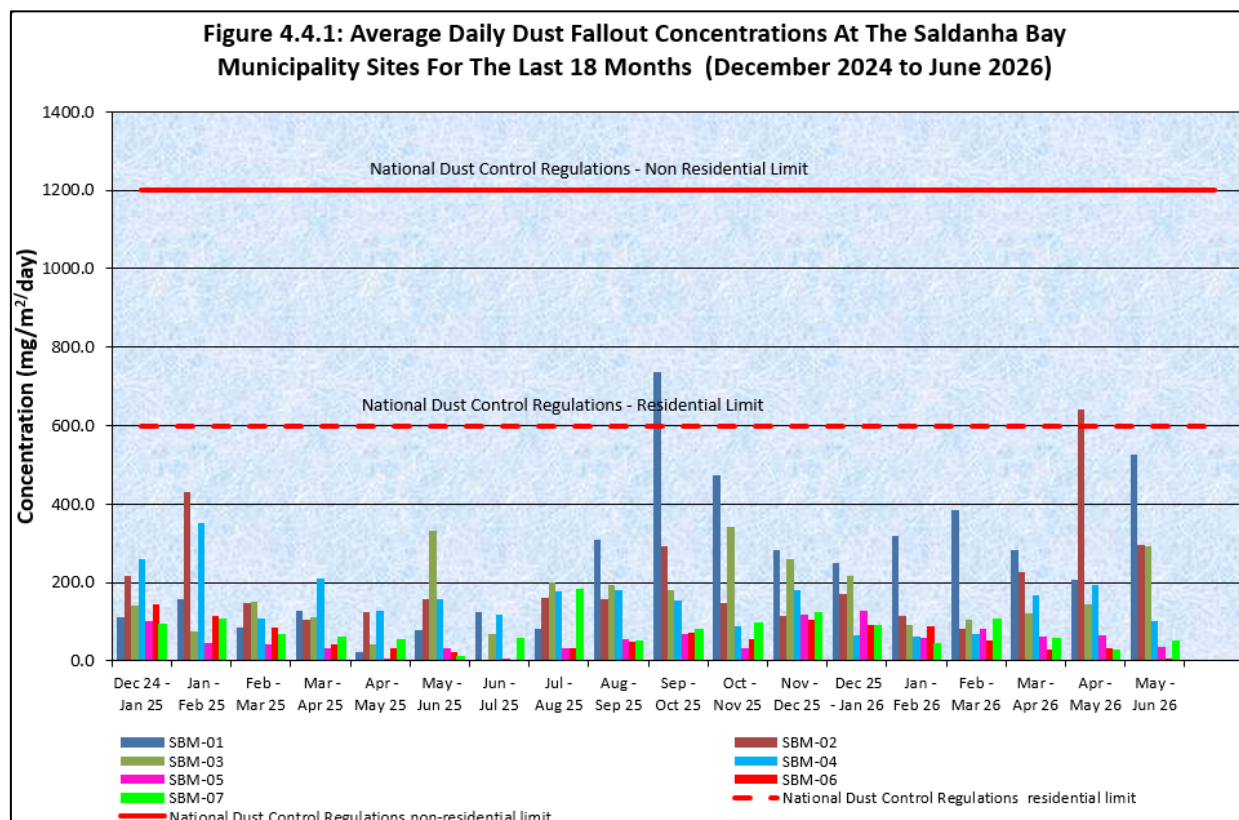
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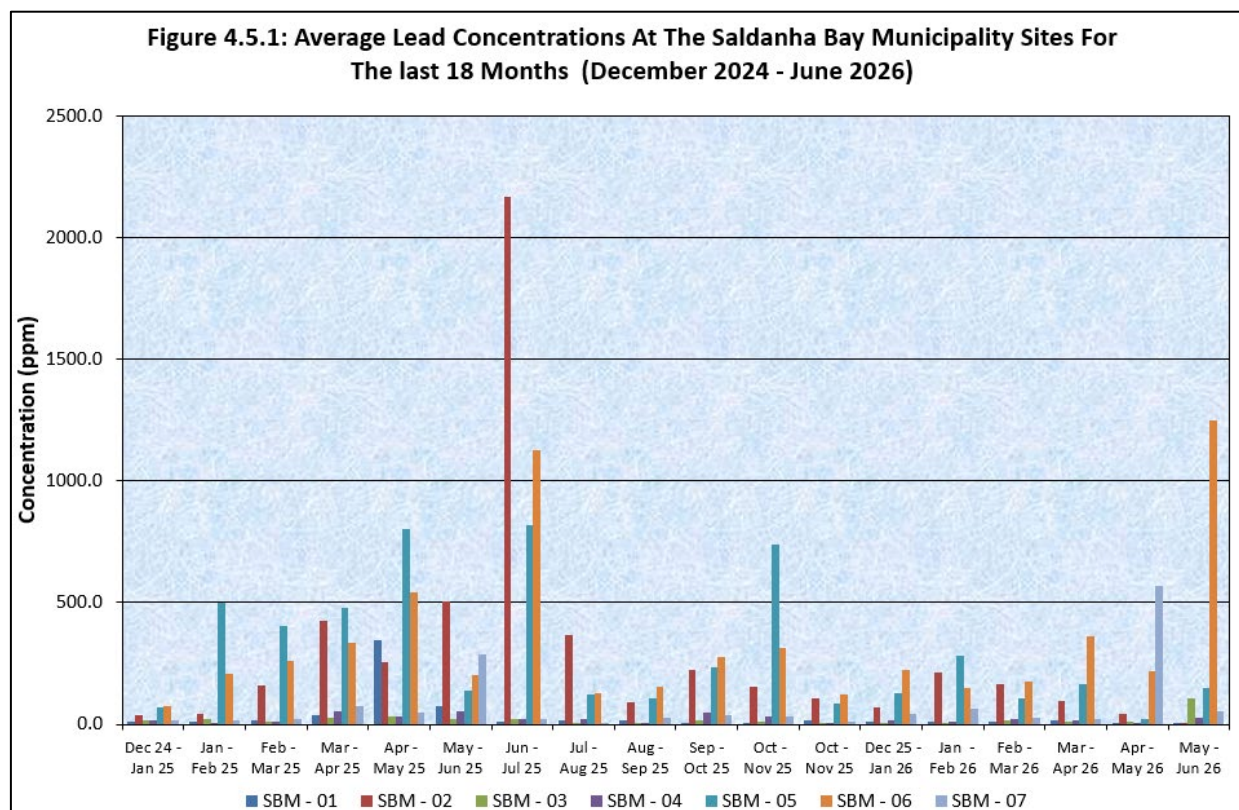
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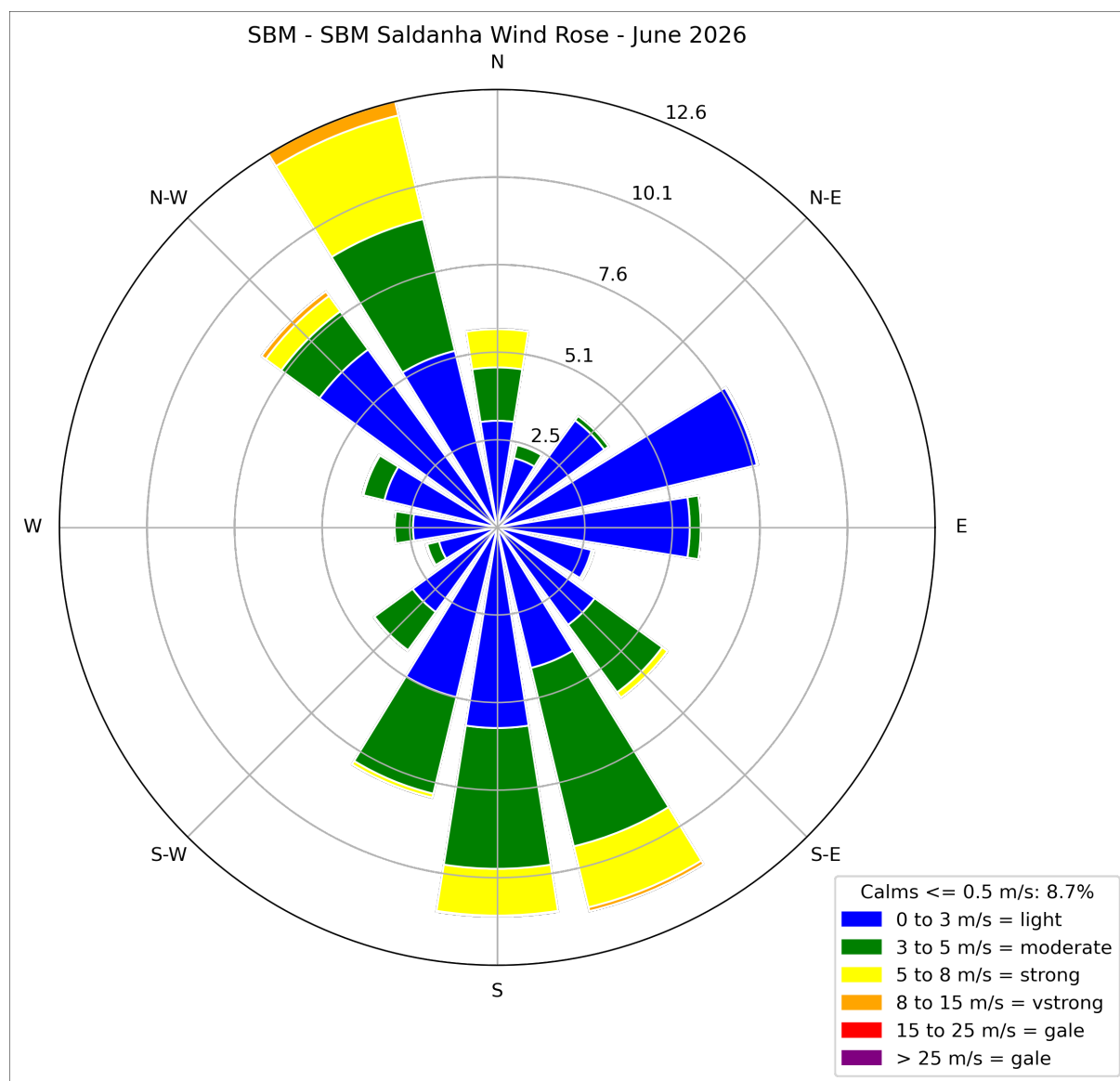
4.4.1: Average Historical Daily Dust fallout concentrations



4.5.1: Average Historical Lead fallout concentrations



4.6 Wind Roses for Saldanha Bay Municipality



5 CONSULTANT'S OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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5.1 SANAS Accredited Certificates of Analysis for Dust Fallout & Metals



Based on AQS-QLT-REP-001b Rev 002

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Designation **Technical Signatory**

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Sampling data provided by SKYSIDE SA

Samples deployed on	08-May-26
Samples retrieved on	08-Jun-26
Number of days sampled	31

Sample recovery and weighing follows ASTM D-1739

Dust fallout calculation presented at the request of the customer but falls outside the laboratory scope of accreditation

Sample	Net Mass (mg)	Dust fallout (mg/m ² /d)	Laboratory uncertainty (mg/m ² /d)
SBM1	387	525	32
SBM2	217	295	18
SBM3	216	293	18
SBM4	75	101	6
SBM5	27	37	2
SBM6	4	6	0
SBM7	38	52	3

Report produced by Zahra Swindell of Skyside.

Conditions during weighing 21 °C 50 % RH



TEST REPORT

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Order Number	SBM	Date Test(s) Started	22-May-2026
Samples	7	Date Reported	03-Jun-2026
Sample Matrix			

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Sample No.			JBX26-027779-01	JBX26-027779-02	JBX26-027779-03	JBX26-027779-04
Sample ID			SBM1	SBM2	SBM3	SBM4
Sample Comment			-	-	-	-
Analysis	Unit	LOR	Result	Result	Result	Result
Multi Element Determination of Metals by ICP OES (ME-AN-027) - LAB-QLT-MET-027						
Copper (Cu)	mg/filter	0.002	0.006	0.020	0.002	0.004
Iron (Fe)	mg/filter	0.005	0.58	2.7	0.55	1.1
Lead (Pb)	mg/filter	0.001	<0.001	0.020	<0.001	<0.001
Manganese (Mn)	mg/filter	0.001	0.043	0.26	0.030	0.053
Zinc (Zn)	mg/filter	0.001	0.037	0.16	0.016	0.019

Sample No.			JBX26-027779-05	JBX26-027779-06	JBX26-027779-07
Sample ID			SBM5	SBM6	SBM7
Sample Comment			-	-	-
Analysis	Unit	LOR	Result	Result	Result
Multi Element Determination of Metals by ICP OES (ME-AN-027) - LAB-QLT-MET-027					
Copper (Cu)	mg/filter	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.002
Iron (Fe)	mg/filter	0.005	0.68	0.44	0.28
Lead (Pb)	mg/filter	0.001	<0.001	0.005	0.012
Manganese (Mn)	mg/filter	0.001	0.043	0.036	0.10
Zinc (Zn)	mg/filter	0.001	0.025	0.024	0.013



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Method	Method Summary
Multi Element Determination of Metals by ICP OES (ME-AN-027)	Dissolved metals are determined on a filtered and acidified portion of aqueous sample by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). The method is based on US EPA 200.7 and Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater Method 3120. Total metals are determined on a nitric acid digested portion of well-shaken aqueous sample by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). The method is based on US EPA 200.2 and 200.7. Recoverable metals are determined on an acid digested portion of sample by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). The method is based on US EPA 200.2, 3050B and 200.7. Silicon is not recovered. Metals are determined on acid digestions of filters by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). The method is based on NIOSH 7300 and 7301.

IS	Insufficient sample for analysis	NA	Not analysed
LNR	Sample listed but not received	-	Not applicable
LOR	Limit of reporting	UTD	Unable to determine
*	Not SANAS accredited. This result is not included in the SANAS scope of accreditation for this laboratory	NR	Not Requested

Samples analysed as received. Solid samples expressed on a dry weight basis.

Unless otherwise indicated, samples were received in containers fit for purpose at ambient temperature.

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