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#### **ABSTRACT**

The growing settlements, communities and tourism resorts along the Gulf of Aqaba coast have caused an ever-increasing demand for water. Groundwater can be considered as main source in supplying that coastal area with the needed water.

The deltas of Wadi Dahab and Wadi Kid on the Gulf of Aqaba are two promising areas concerning agricultural and tourism development. The extensive area and outstanding location of these two Deltas support the capability of the two areas to share in such a development. Both of the deltas have been selected to carry out the present geophysical study.

The Delta of Wadi Dahab occupies an area of about 8 km² and lies between longitudes 28° 28' 01" and 28° 31' 02" E and between latitudes 34° 32' 01" and 34° 28' 05" N. On the other hand, the Delta of Wadi Kid covers an area of about 100 km² and bounded by longitudes 28° 27' 30" and 28° 19' 53" E and latitudes 34° 15' 00" and 34° 05' 01" N.

The present geophysical work has been carried out with the main purposes of delineating the subsurface geologic setting, delineating the groundwater aquifer/aquifers in the study area and to study the impacts of the structural elements on the groundwater occurrence in the study area.

In order to fulfill such objectives, land magnetic measurements as well as geoelectrical resistivity sounding survey have been carried out in the investigated Deltas. The measurements included measuring the total magnetic intensity along 3 profiles in the Delta of Wadi Dahab and 8 profiles in the Delta of Wadi Kid. The geoelectrical resistivity sounding

survey included measuring forty six stations distributed between the Delta of Wadi Dahab (19 sounding stations) and the Delta of Wadi Kid (27 sounding stations).

The interpretation of the magnetic data along three profiles in the Delta of Wadi Dahab revealed the presence a number of repeated horsts (uplifted basement) and grabens (basins) controlled by four normal faults. The minimum estimated depth to the basement is 63 m at the northeast part of the delta and increases regionally southwestwards to reach 235 m.

The corrected total magnetic intensity values measured along eight profiles in the Delta of Wadi Kid and the constructed intensity map revealed that the delta had been subjected to a complex structural pattern through a number of normal faults that control the regional eastward slope of the basement surface.

In the Delta of Wadi Dahab, the interpretation of the 19 soundings led to identification of six main geoelectrical layers. The whole succession can be only observed at the eastern parts of the Delta. The second geoelectrical layer (sand and gravel) and the fourth one (sandstone) are considered as the water bearing layers having resistivity range of 11-70 Ohm-m and 22.6 - 44.2 Ohm-m, respectively. From the constructed geoelectrical cross sections, Four normal faults have been found to affect the succession.

In the Delta of Wadi Kid, six geoelectrical layers had been identified with different distribution at the conducted 27 soundings. The second geoelectrical layer (sand and gravel), the fourth geoelectrical layer (clayey sand and fine sand) and the fifth geoelectrical layer (sandy clay) represent