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**Re.: Odense Pilot River Basin, Provisional Article 5 Report pursuant to the Water Framework Directive**

./. We are hereby pleased to forward the Provisional Article 5 Report on Odense Pilot River Basin.

Odense Fjord River Basin has been selected as the national test area in Denmark in relation to implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. According to the directive, the Member States shall protect, enhance and restore all bodies of surface water and groundwater with the aim of achieving good status or good ecological potential – with certain derogations – in 2015 at the latest. This calls for a determined effort. The aim of the EU project Odense Pilot River Basin for which Fyn County is responsible is to gain experience with the implementation of this work.

First phase of the project “Odense Pilot River Basin” consisted among other things of a test of EU’s Guidance Documents. The documents give guidance to authorities having to implement the Water Framework Directive. Testing the documents and reporting the results of the testing have been part of the first phase. As an integral part of this process, a provisional Article 5 report has been elaborated. The report consists of a characterization of the river basin district, surface waters, wetlands, groundwater and a review of the environmental impact of human activities on the status of surface water and groundwater. It also consists of an economic baseline analysis of water use e.g. accounting expenses of present water use and waste water discharge and an assessment of present cost recovery.

In order to secure the quality of the project, the work has been followed by two advisory boards called the National Scientific Advisory Board and the Regional Political Advisory Board. These boards met October 7th and 20th 2003, respectively, to discuss and comment the draft of the provisional Article 5 report. On the basis of comments from the boards, Fyn County has decided to forward the final Provisional Article 5 Report to the EU.

In order to meet the requests of the pilot project for a provisional Article 5 analysis, including technical comments to a number of Guidance Documents (forwarded to the EU October 1st 2003) a number of assumptions have been made in the report concerning reference conditions and environmental objectives.

It must be pointed out that the present report is a provisional technical report based on the above mentioned assumptions. Thus no political decision has been made in relation to reference conditions, environmental objectives or evaluation of the consequences for agriculture, industry or urban communities.

The provisional report will form the basis for elaboration and the political decision of a proper Article 5 report that according to the Water Framework Directive has to be completed for all water districts by the end of 2004, and submitted to the EU within three months of their completion.

The pilot project will be supplemented by the actual work on objectives, assessment of consequences and programmes of measures to be taken. This will constitute the basis for political decision-making in relation to objectives and programmes of measures. The work awaits national transposition of the Water Framework Directive and statutory orders in relation to environmental objectives and reference conditions.

The report "Odense Pilot River Basin, Provisional Article 5 Report pursuant to the Water Framework Directive" may be downloaded from the homepage of the Odense Pilot River Basin project: [www.OdensePRB.fyns-amt.dk](http://www.OdensePRB.fyns-amt.dk).

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