Jordan Activities Quarterly Report-XI Sustainable Development of Drylands Project IALC-BRDP

Activities Summary (April 1 – June 30, 2005):

Bio-solid Analysis:

- Ms. Susan O'Shaughnessy, a Ph.D. student of Dr. Christopher Choi at University of Arizona, visited RSS between May 20 and June 2. Ms. O'Shaughnessy worked with the RSS team on the automatic monitoring system at Wadi Mousa for bio-solid quality monitoring.
- The second progress report was submitted. The report included the growing stage tests on soil and plants.
- The crop was harvested on the site and tests on the crop yield and quality will be conducted and reported in the next report.

Wadi Mousa Awareness Center

- BRDC received through PRA an official copy of the guidelines that were prepared by the committee that has been formed to examine the various aspects of the reuse project.
- The work in Wadi Mousa landscaping and Visitor Center design is progressing.

Activities Summary for the following period (July 1 – September 30, 2005):

2005/2006 SOW:

 Robert J. Freitas and Dr. Akram Tamimi will visit Jordan during the second week of July to discuss the SOW for the Jordan component with USAID-Amman, BRDC and the involved Jordanian institutes.

Bio-solid Analysis:

- Test results on the crop will be reported. Final report will be submitted and the plan for the second year of application test will be prepared by RSS.
- Contracting process between BRDC and RSS for the second year of the application project will be initiated.

Wadi Mousa Awareness Center

A bidding call for an architect designer will be announced in the daily news papers.
 One of the bidders will be selected and contracted to do the Architectural design for the Awareness Center.

Dr. Saad AlAyyash, Project Coordinator, BRDC July 2005