

### Generic Guidelines For Salt Contaminated Soil

Parameter		Rating Categories			
		Good	Fair	Poor	Unsuitable
Topsoil <sup>c</sup>	EC dS/M (salinity)	<2 <sup>a</sup>	2 to 4	4 to 8	>8
	SAR (sodicity)	<4	4 to 8	8 to 12	>12 <sup>b</sup>
Subsoil <sup>c</sup>	EC dS/M (salinity)	<3	3 to 5	5 to 10	>10
	SAR (sodicity)	<4	4 to 8	8 to 12	>12

<sup>a</sup> Some plants are sensitive to salts at EC<2 dS/m (e.g. flax, clover, beans, wheat, peas, some garden crops).

<sup>b</sup> Material characterized by SAR of 12 to 20 may be poor if texture is sandy loam or coarser and saturation % is less than 100.

<sup>c</sup> Topsoil: surface A horizon on the control area, or the equivalent surface soil on the reclaimed site.

Subsoil: B and C horizons and the upper portion of the parent material