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8 Abstract

The site-specific earthquake ground motion parameters were presented for the 9 southeastern part of Muscat governorate, including amplification factor at different periods and 10 11 the values of PGA and spectral accelerations at the surface. The study starts with assessment of the seismic hazard at bedrock level using the probabilistic approach. This assessment was 12 preformed considering an updated earthquake catalogue. The outputs of the probabilistic 13 seismic hazard were uniform hazard spectra for return periods of 475,975 and 2475 years. 14 Spectral matching technique was applied to define the compatible ground motion time series 15 based on the outputs of the probabilistic approach and the deaggregation process. The 16 representative's dynamic soil profiles were determined using the in-situ measurements of 17 compressional and shear waves. The effects of soil deposits on the propagated ground motions 18 time series was evaluated using the equivalent linear analysis in the frequency domain. The 19 final results clarified that, the fundamental site period at the middle coastal parts of the area 20 has the largest values (0.2 to 0.276 sec). The maximum amplification factors found to be 2.76, 21 2.36, and 2.8 for the periods of PGA, 0.1 sec, and 0.2 sec, respectively. The values of PGA and 22 spectral accelerations at the surface level are also provided. 23

24 Keywords: PSHA; Site Effect; Amplification Factor; PGA; Spectral Acceleration

25 **1. Introduction**

The earthquake ground motion in any site is generally controlled by a combination of three factors; the seismic sources, the propagation path of seismic waves, and the local site effect. The first two factors could be analyzed through the methods of seismic hazard assessment to produce the expected ground motion at the regular bedrock level. The site effect refers to the corresponding modifications to this ground motion due to the local geology and it is related to many factors (Safak, 2001; Parolai, 2012). One of these factors is the soil deposits Download English Version:

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