# South African Road Design System (SARDS)

**Revision Status Report** 

36th RPF Meeting

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### **Definitions**

- SAMDM Old South African Mechanistic Design Method limited to flexible pavements only.
- SAPDM South African Pavement Design Method include all pavements flexible / block /concrete.
- SARDS South African Road Design System is the software portal incorporating revised SAPDM models

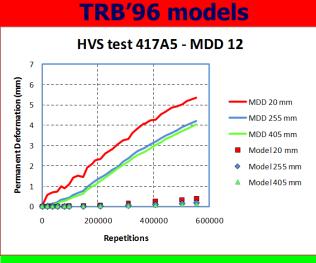


## **New Model Validation Procedure**

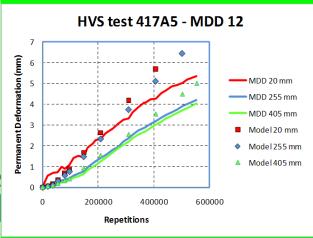
Phase 1

Phase 2

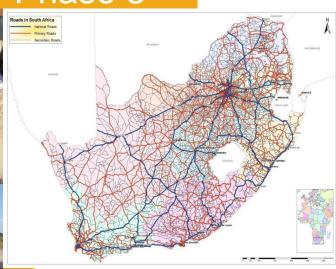
Phase 3











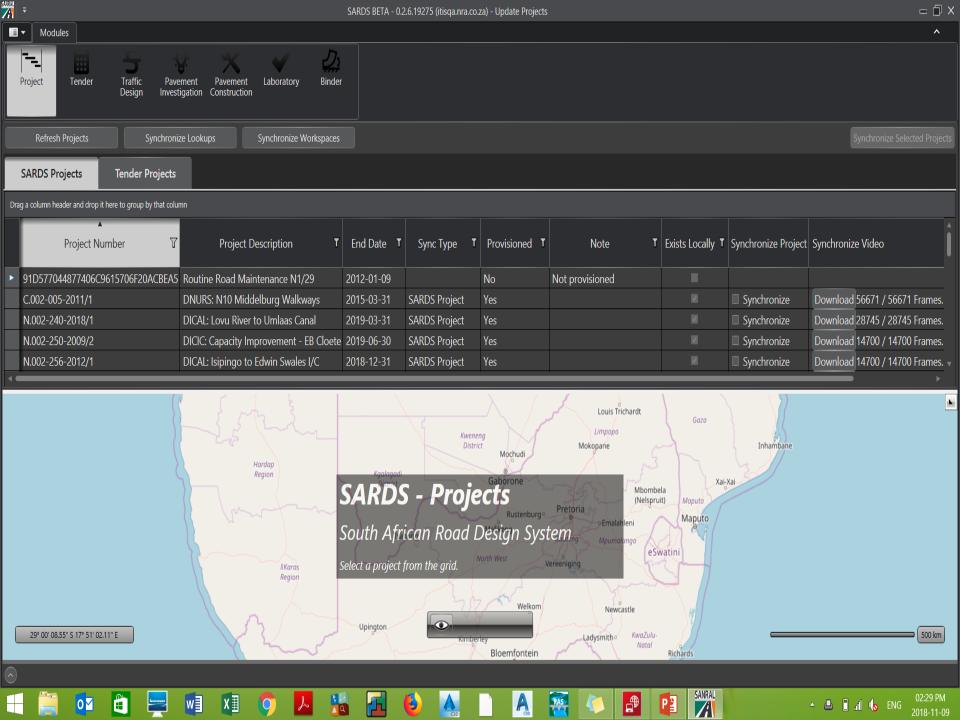
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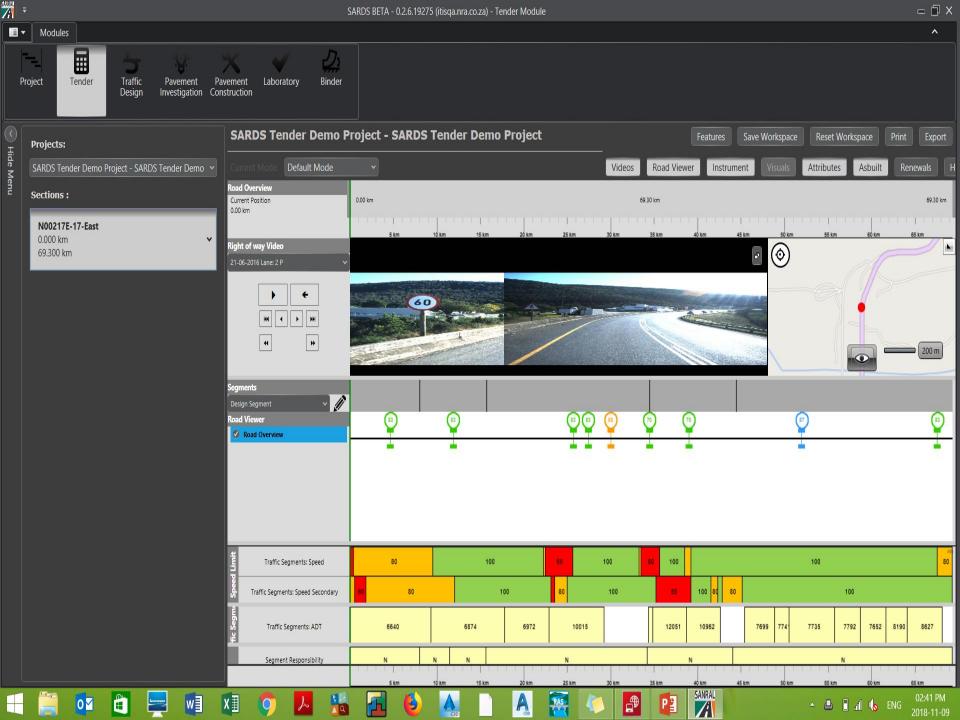
## **Phase 2 Validation: Major Frustrations**

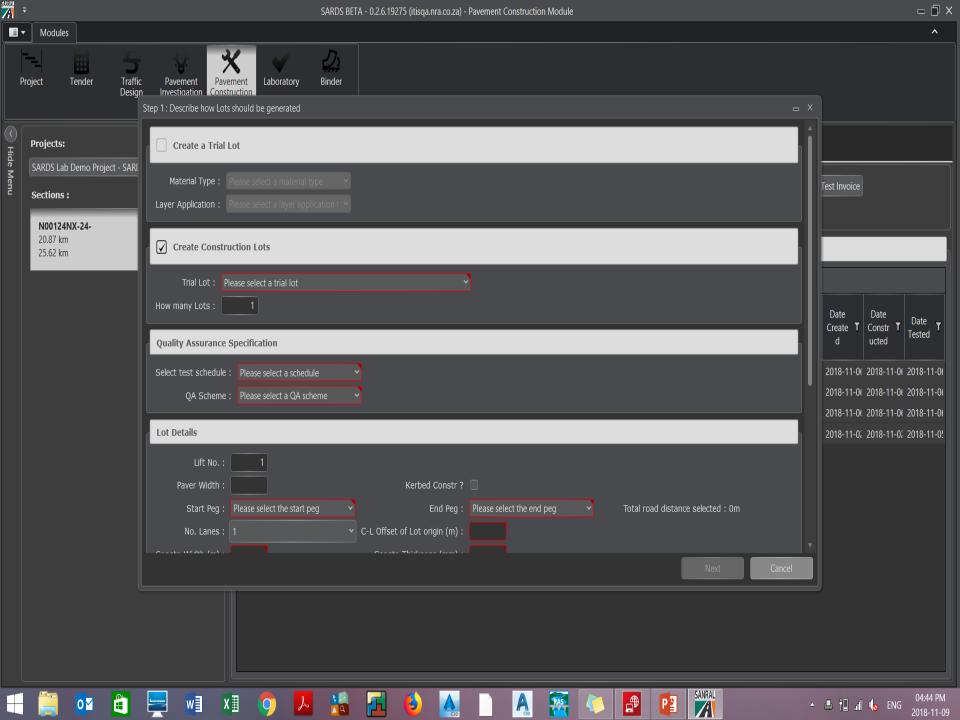
- Current SANRAL Server Constraints limiting Phase
  2 Simulation Analysis (3+ days)
  - Intel Xeon® Phi<sup>™</sup> Processors (Knights Landing) only became available November 2016
  - Currently only have access to developer platform with 1CPU (64 cores) in USA
  - Currently conducting testing on "scale model "of proposed SANRAL production solution (3000 cores) in USA / France
  - National Treasury refused extension of time for SAPDM project to complete outstanding work, had to go out to tender in September 2017. 1<sup>st</sup> tender had to be cancelled due to no single compliant tender been received (CSD), new programmers finally onboard 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Limited work Sep 2017 to August 2018!
  - Research Panel Tenders Still in progress
  - 23 July 2018 Intel announced that Xeon® Phi<sup>™</sup> Processors (Knights Landing) are officially discontinued...
  - Have to revert back to Nvidia GPU
- SARDS Beta Software
  - Project / Tender / Pavement Construction / Laboratory End Nov 2018
    - Traffic Design / Pavement Investigation Feb 2019 Pavement Design Module ??? 2019

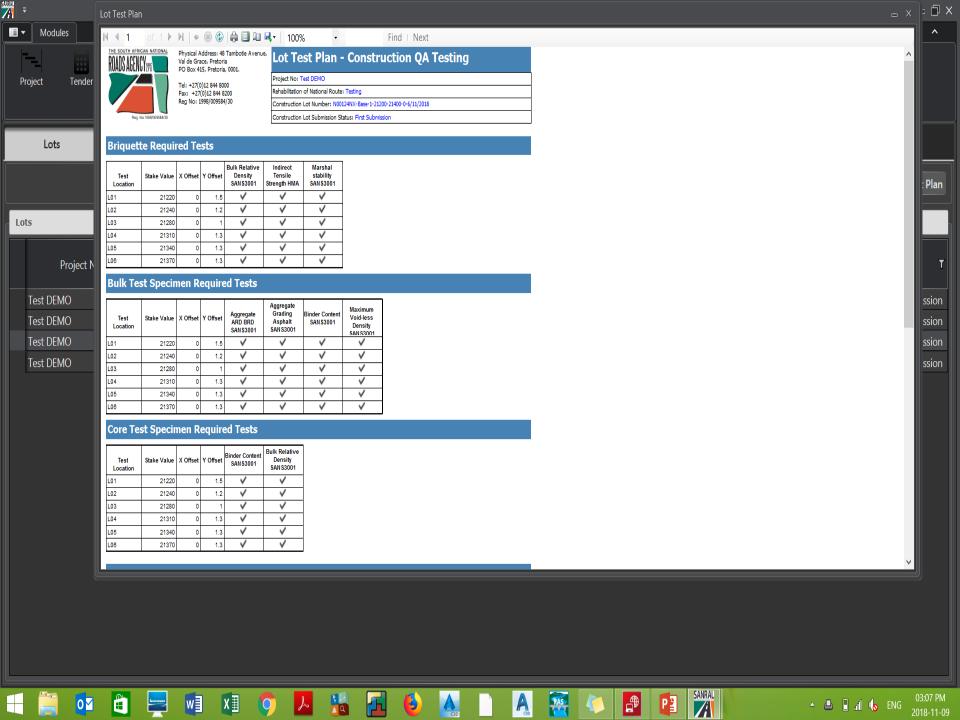


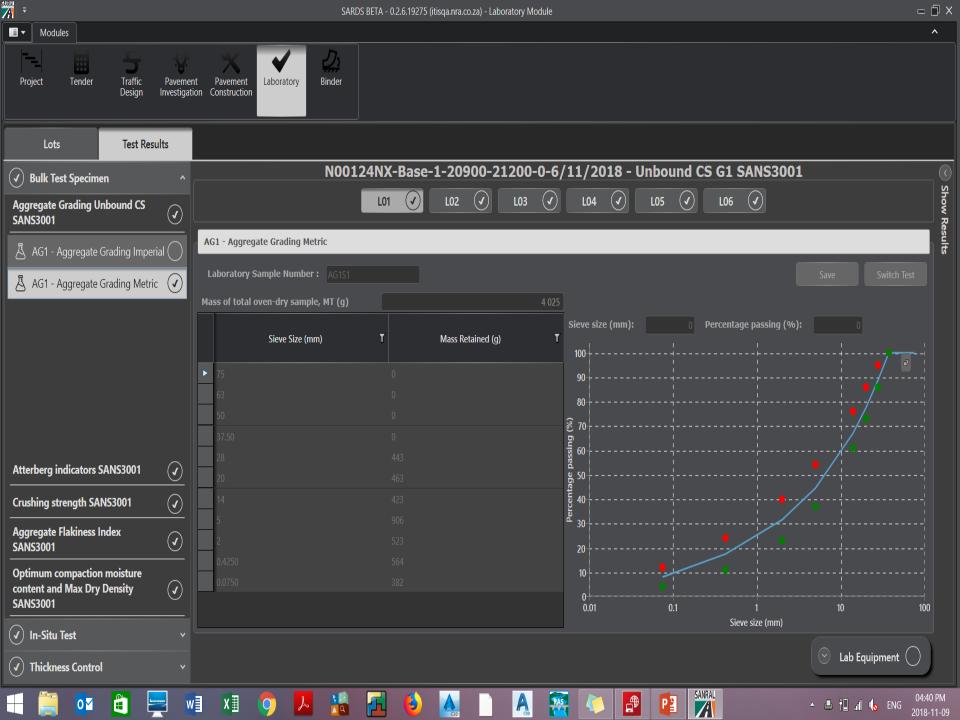












## SARDS Software Release Strategy

#### Pre - Alpha Phase

 Software requirements analysis, software design, software development, and unit testing – Software Developers

#### Alpha Phase

- The alpha phase of the release life cycle is the first phase to begin software testing, first by developers and then selected users. Alpha software can be unstable and could cause crashes or data loss.
- New Build every 2 weeks

#### **Beta Phase**

- Software in the beta phase will generally have many more bugs in it than completed software, as well as speed/performance issues and may still cause crashes or data loss. The focus of beta testing is reducing impacts to users, often incorporating usability testing by users.
- SARDS Demo Projects / User Feedback / Monthly Updates

#### **Release Candidate Phase**

- A release candidate (RC) is a beta version with potential to be a final product, which is ready to release unless significant bugs emerge. In this stage of product stabilization, all product features have been designed, coded and tested through one or more beta cycles with no known showstopper-class bug.
- Training / Recent Projects / Pilot Projects (March 2019, subject to server hardware)

#### Release

- Released for general use on all projects
- Ongoing Training / Support / Enhancements



## Thank you!

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