

## Customer Feedback on the new EQWin Data Manager Ver 6

"I have used two features for the new EQWin Ver 6, the import module and the new "*Query by Formula*" features developed specifically for Excel. The import module is similar in concept to EQWin version 5 but has the added advantage of working directly in Excel, no more copying to the import sheet in EQWin. I find that this speeds up the import process and allows me to use my automatic formatting macros that I have developed in Excel to ensure all the numbers have the correct number of significant figures before entering them in EQWin.

The innovative "*Query by Formula*" feature is an entirely new concept for Version 6. It allows the user to extract any information from an EQWin query and place it in a single cell. I have even been able to produce a highly customized report of the Placer Dome Safety achievements that includes individual results, year to date for the current year and year to date for last year. The report is formatted to colour the cells based on our three 2002 Safety Objectives, so achievement against the objectives for both individual mine sites and aggregated numbers can be seen at a glance. The wonderful part of this is that this report can be prepared for *any* timeframe needed, just by changing the dates in the spreadsheet. Each time the report is opened, EQWin goes back to the database and extracts the current data.

This "*Query by Formula*" feature allows us to replace the very complicated multi-page spreadsheet report that was very prone to errors, and time consuming to maintain. With this feature, once new data is entered into EQWin, a new monthly safety report can be prepared in less than a minute.

This is a very exciting feature, that I have demonstrated works reliably. I can easily imagine a number of other customized reports that will allow us to report on our data in new and innovative ways."

**Calvin Price**  
Placer Dome Inc.

"Working with the new EQWin Data Manager (Ver 6) is going well - I have entered 118 samples so far and the input, query and output features are very easy to use."

"I did enjoy the training last week. I was impressed at the number of useful changes GemTeck has made...."

**Denise Hertzog**  
Teck-Pogo Inc.

I have three things I look for in selecting software for my company or me:

1. Does it meet the **minimum** functionality?
2. Is it easy to use?
3. Is the management user friendly?

In the end, extra functionality can be had by clever users and work-arounds, but if I can't convince my juniors to use it and negotiate a few improvements or discounts with the developers, then I am not going to spend much time looking beyond this list! Guess what, you, EQWin and GemTeck score highly on all three. Case solved!

I must say, well done to the team. It took me precisely 10 minutes to get the new EXCEL stuff going, do a report, do a graph and be very impressed with the integration.

**Shaun Davidge**  
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I bet you dinner at Annie's that the new EQWin Data Manager is easier to use and more reliable than most other systems out there. I just finished the advanced "Train the Trainer" stuff in Vancouver and I am very impressed with the system. I was also totally "blown away" by its integration with Excel.

**Golder Associates**  
Trainer

"I have installed the database and spent the afternoon going through the tables to familiarize myself with new features. I really like the additional fields that have been added to several of the tables. The ability to add user-defined fields to more of the tables is also a great feature it will greatly increase the flexibility and ease in the data import and sample differentiation. I also really like the import through MS Excel; a nice touch that gives you all the editing abilities of MS Excel and eliminates the intermediate step."

"... the enhancements in this new version and its flexibility allows for a more efficient way of storing a lot of our data."

**Mike Tanguay**  
Senior Environmental Technician  
BHPBilliton – Ekati Diamond Mine

"...Version 5 was good, Version 6 is HEAPS better."

"EQWin is very easy to use."

"Input of data and creation of reports are all done in EXCEL, and I cannot imagine how it could be easier."

"We are using it for small and large projects. In my opinion, for a large project I wouldn't be without it. For small projects the data files are small and the template feature means that even small projects are easily established. For REALLY SMALL (1-2 boreholes) projects, I would use it... but only for the data checking and validation feature in the data import module..."

"I have not found any major deficiencies for a while [*in the beta version*]. Early on, there were some, but GemTeck listened to us and fixed all of them, mostly very quickly. Other comments I have passed have been discussed and some are in the plan for later releases."

"I recommend it to you. The price will be saved in a few weeks, even for a small company."

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There have been some very positive changes to EQWin in this new version. One change is that a significant improvement is its integration with Excel. So you now have all the advantages of a database with the flexibility and customization of the spreadsheet.

**Calvin Price**  
Placer Dome Inc.

I LOVE the new EQWin. It is a pleasure to query data, AND then to manipulate it directly in EXCEL. I haven't done any data import yet but trust it is just as good.

**Ian Horne**  
SRK Consulting

Good Luck with it, we love it. It's easy to use, and bound very closely to EXCEL, so those "Excel as a database" freaks think they are in heaven!

**Consultant**  
USA.

*<I've just used>* the drop down menu on the "Parameters" tab, called Information, and one of the two menu items is "*Count the number of results for the selected parameter*". This actually searches through the database and tell you the number of associated results for that parameter.

This is a very powerful tool, and it's fast.

Amongst other uses, it's a great way to determine whether certain parameter codes can be deleted. One site of ours has hundreds of parameter codes that they never use – many leftover from many years ago – some have data associated with them, and some don't. I had originally recommended they do a "Sample Details" report to determine if there are data or standards associated to each parameter, but this is an instant way of knowing. Fantastic feature!

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