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**FROM DILMUN TO  
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EARTH**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Scientific studies have generally concluded that the earth came into being some 4,600 million years ago (Chris Scarre, 1993). The first man, *homo habilis*, the ‘handy man’ was thought to have roamed the earth about 2 million years ago, followed by *homo erectus* or the ‘upright man’. The remains of the ‘thinking man’ or *homo sapiens* was dated as about 250,000 years ago with a skull twice that of the *homo erectus*. By 100,000 years ago a fully modern human species, *homo sapiens sapiens* made the earth their abodes – and here we are!<sup>1</sup>