

Announcement



Engineering Group of The Geological Society

Engineering Group Working Party  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Evening Meeting

The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

## 'Geotechnical baseline reports – and their use in the UK'

Whilst the concept is not new, ground reference conditions or geotechnical baseline reports have been seldom used in the UK, though they are only now being adopted on a small number of major infrastructure projects.

This meeting reports on the progress of a Working Party set up by the Engineering Group to examine the use of geotechnical baseline reports in the UK. The meeting will describe what a geotechnical baseline report is, why they are needed, how they are written and how they are used and effectively implemented. It will draw on limited experience in the UK to date and also from overseas. It will also address how a geotechnical baseline report can be integrated into the various standard forms of construction contract in use in the UK.

The meeting will be presented by **Darren Page** of OTB Engineering and also **John Hughes-D'Aeth** of Berwin Leighton Paisner.

Short contributions are welcome – please contact the convenor.

Darren Page is a partner of OTB Engineering and an engineering geologist with over 20 years experience of major infrastructure projects both in the UK and overseas. He has been involved in disputes arising from the representation of the ground in construction contracts and has been using geotechnical baseline reports for over 10 years.

John Hughes-D'Aeth is a partner of the law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner and head of the commercial team within the firm's Engineering, Construction and Procurement group. He specialises in commercial construction matters, primarily procurement advice and the drafting and negotiation of construction documentation on behalf of developers, institutions and public bodies.

The event is open to all with an interest and admission is free.

Refreshments will be served in the Lower Library from 17:00 and the meeting commences at 17:30.

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Next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 'Rock engineering design' Dr John Harrison



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