



Application For Issue Of Rock Specimens From Landward Boreholes

Conditions

This application form must be used where rock specimens or samples in the care of the Survey from boreholes sunk by the Survey or by other organisations are requested by outside workers for purposes of research. The intention is to ensure that all information obtained from work on borehole material may be collated and stored at the Survey for the benefit of other workers. The following conditions must be observed:

- 1 The proposed investigations must offer results that will lead to a better understanding of the geology of the area.
- 2 The investigations shall not duplicate work already undertaken, even though they may be by a competitor company.
- 3 The factual results of the investigations shall be made available, on a shared-cost basis if necessary, to any enquirer who would otherwise need to obtain duplicate samples.
- 4 The passing on of material to a third party must be sanctioned by the Survey (via the Chief Curator).
- 5 Upon completion all material (or such as is agreed when the samples were issued) should be returned to the Chief Curator; this to include all fossils extracted (including all figured, described and cited specimens) and any residue of the samples, all thin sections, analysed material, other prepared material and any unused remnants.
- 6 Copies of any report, article or work and related maps, drawings, analyses and photographs (including those intended for publication) which are produced from research utilising the issued material must be submitted to the Chief Curator (in the case of publications, before the date of publication so that the references to Survey material can be checked). In any publication referring to this material acknowledgement must be made that the Director, British Geological Survey, NERC gave permission to make use of the material, and a copy of offprint of the publication must be sent to the British Geological Survey, Kingsley Dunham Centre, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5GG.
- 7 Raw data may be held in confidence for a period not normally exceeding 2 years and interpreted data for a period not normally exceeding 5 years, unless otherwise agreed in writing or required by statute law.
- 8 Application by a research student should be *through his* supervisor who will also signify his acceptance of these conditions.
9. Normally the loan period is for twelve months. In exceptional circumstances this may be extended on application to the Chief Curator either at the time of the issue of the loan or during the first 12 months. On the expiry of the loan period the relevant material should be returned to BGS together with the results of the investigation.

On approval of the application the completed form will be placed, together with a receipt for the specimens, on the relevant borehole file. Photocopies will be issued to the applicant and the Head of Subject Discipline and the District Geologist concerned. The British Geological Survey (BGS) is the custodian of extensive collections of records, materials and data pertaining to the geology and hydrogeology of the UK, its continental shelf and many countries overseas. Its staff is engaged on wide ranging survey and research activities and provide an unmatched reservoir of both scientific expertise and local geological knowledge. These resources are available for consultancy purposes, research studies and general advice, providing charges are met for specific services.

Charging policy

The charges covered here are largely standard charges for one-off enquiries; consultancy rates are the subject of negotiations or quotes for more extensive staff involvement or use of resources. The rates are based on the cost of the staff time involved in retrieving, collating, copying and evaluating data. For information derived from collections, charges embody a levy as a contribution to maintenance costs.

In the main, charges are levied for the inspection of borehole core, rock samples and fossil specimens in the reference collections and the supply of samples. There is a standard rate for the provision of geological or hydrogeological advice, bibliographic literature searches or the interpretation of data. This includes the supply of value-added information arising from the BGS's examination of material received from elsewhere.

No charge is made for dealing with simple enquiries about the availability of information, services and products. Specific requests, which involve much searching, and retrieval of data from indexes or collections are subject to charge.

BGS may reduce or waive charges for bona fide private researchers and academic staff at its discretion and provided that any material supplied will not be used for commercial purposes or utilized in anyway to attract payment from a third party.

Material Collections

Borehole core and specimens

- a) Inspection fee. A charge of £120 (+ VAT) is made per day, this includes two pallets of material or up to ten trays. Each extra pallet of boxed core examined is charged at £26 (+ VAT) or £10 (+ VAT) for each tray of selected material or cuttings retrieved from storage (£5.25 if the trays run consecutively).
- b) Samples. Subject to certain conditions, samples of borehole material may be taken away for analysis or testing, for which a charge of £14 (+ VAT) per sample is made to cover the cost of supervision, cutting, bagging and labelling, or £10 (+ VAT) per sample if carried out by the visitor. Despatch by post or carrier is extra.

Charges, with the exception of photo-coping and postage, will be waived where the work carried is purely for academic purposes.

Charges for other services are available on application.



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To be completed by applicant

Name of Borehole

To be completed by applicant

BGS Registered Number of Borehole (if known)

I apply for the samples, as detailed above, to be made available to me and I agree to all loan conditions. In the event of my being unable to carry out the research indicated I will discuss with BGS suitable disposal of the samples issued.

Depth (or Range of Depth) of samples

Name (block capitals)

Organisation

Address of Organisation

Registered Number of Specimen (where the samples are taken from Registered Specimens)

Position held in organisation

Signed

Date

Geological Formation or rock body represented by samples

Supervisor's signature (where applicable)

Research topic and purpose of research (incl. Name of any sponsoring body)

*Please return completed form to:
Chief Curator
NGDC
BGS
Nicker Hill
Keyworth
Nottingham NG12 5GG*