



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Professor Jon Gluyas, new chairman of the BGS board**

**Jon Gluyas, Professor in Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and Geo-Energy at Durham University, has been appointed chairman of the British Geological Survey (BGS) Board.**

Professor Gluyas will take over this role from the current chairman Derek Davis on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

John Ludden, the Executive Director of BGS, said: "Jon will bring vision and strategy to the Board at this key time where a balanced portfolio of energy related science and environmental science is required for BGS."



Professor Jon Gluyas

Jon Gluyas said: "The BGS is one of the oldest and most eminent professional geological survey organisations in the world. Throughout its 175 years it has made valuable contributions to science, society and industry. I look forward to helping the BGS deliver excellence so we can better understand our world, its environments and climate to secure a better future."

Professor Gluyas is a geologist with a specialisation in sedimentology and geochemistry applied to oil and gas exploration and production. He worked with BP in the 1980s and 1990s, before developing techniques for the rehabilitation of ageing oilfields. Thereafter he joined several oil companies in a senior role and finally formed Fairfield Energy in 2005.

He was recently appointed Professor in CCS and Geo-Energy within the Department of Earth Sciences at Durham University. He will be researching aspects of geo-energy (petroleum, geothermal, clean coal) and carbon capture and storage within the newly created Durham Energy Institute (DEI).

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Further information on the University of Durham: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/news/>

**The British Geological Survey**

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