Provision of assistance to the Saudi Geological Survey

Since the beginning of 2003 the BGS has provided technical assistance to the Saudi Geological Survey (SGS) in a number of areas. One such project has involved the preparation of new content for the SGS website and the provision of advice on its future management in the short to medium term. BGS also ran a four-week UK-based training course in industrial minerals evaluation for eleven junior staff of the SGS together with two staff from the Yemeni Geological Survey. The course included visits to industrial mineral deposits and quarries (bentonite, feldspar and gypsum) and industrial sites (a glass factory, brickworks and a rockwool factory). Two days were also given over to laboratory evaluation of kaolin samples. A further six-month training course was provided for six SGS staff covering analytical geochemistry, geohazards, environmental geology and minerals.

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Above: Learning how to use a laboratory jaw crusher

Left: Taking part in a visit to a UK construction aggregate operation

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