



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

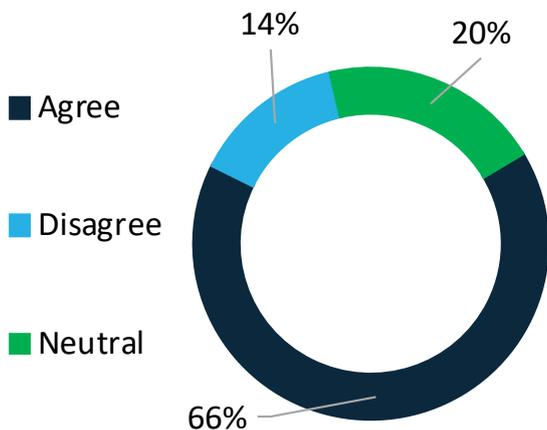
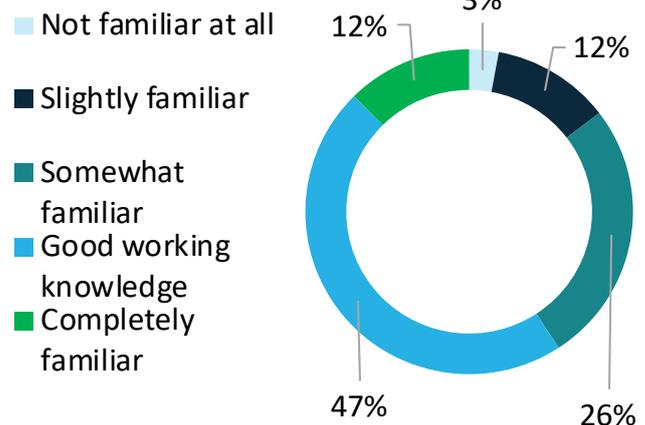
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a ‘Spotlight’ on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey’s findings. To read the Position Paper that was issued prior to the survey, [click here](#).

# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS - FAMILIARITY AND APPLICATION

Question 13 of the survey asked: “How familiar are you with the ‘official’ Technical Standards for the UK ground investigation industry (EC7, Part 2), as outlined in the Position Paper?”

- Overall, some 59% of respondents had either a ‘good working knowledge’ or were ‘completely familiar’ with the Technical Standards.
- Students and Graduates were least likely to be familiar with the Standards, whilst those with Professional or Chartered status were most likely.
- Of the industry roles, Specialist Contractors were most likely to report that they were familiar with the Standards.



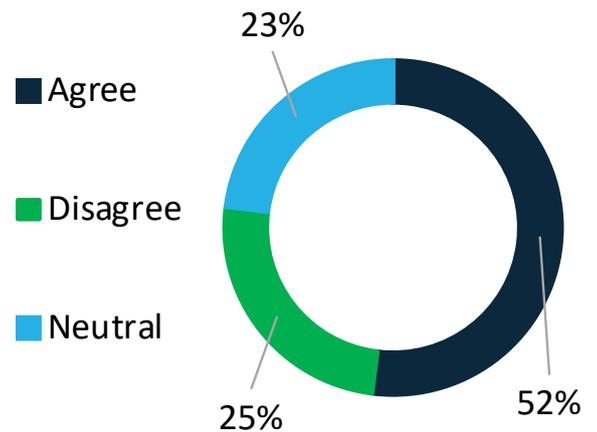
Question 22a asked: “To what extent do you agree ... that people in the UK ground investigation industry have the knowledge and skills to work to the Technical Standards?”

- The results show that, overall, 66% of respondents agreed with this statement; 14% disagreed, whilst 20% remained neutral.

# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY CONT.

Question 22b asked: “To what extent do you agree ... that there are not enough people in the UK ground investigation industry who are able to work to the Technical Standards?”

- The results show that, overall, 52% of respondents agreed with this statement; 25% disagreed, whilst 23% remained neutral.



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any immediate responses to the data presented in this Bulletin and would like to engage in further productive discussions, then we want to hear from you.

Due to the time-consuming nature of responding to feedback across various media platforms, we are encouraging all parties keen to open topics of discussion to do so via email: [info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk](mailto:info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk)

We want to know what you think would be the best next-step or course of action for the topic discussed in this Bulletin, considering the data given above. Examples are given below:

- Seminars / Webinars covering the topic
- Technical articles in magazines
- Training courses covering the topic
- Further detailed surveys on the topic
- Dedicated conference/discussion panels
- Detailed guidance documents from Trade Associations
- Further analysis of the survey data on this topic
- No necessary course of action

Please forward this Bulletin and future Bulletins on to your colleagues and industry contacts in order to ensure as wider saturation for these discussions as possible. Also follow the AGS BDA Task Force on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date with the latest developments.

**There are several Bulletins emanating from this survey. Each Bulletin will be available for download from the Trade Association(s) and Task Force websites once published.**

**The survey has raised some important discussion points which the industry should discuss and debate. The hot topics will be the focal point for the conference at [Geotechnica 2017](#), alongside other prospective upcoming industry events.**

*Further results from the Survey will be available to download following the distribution of all Bulletins. The data summaries are provided by The Dunsmore Consultancy who independently analysed the survey responses.*