



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

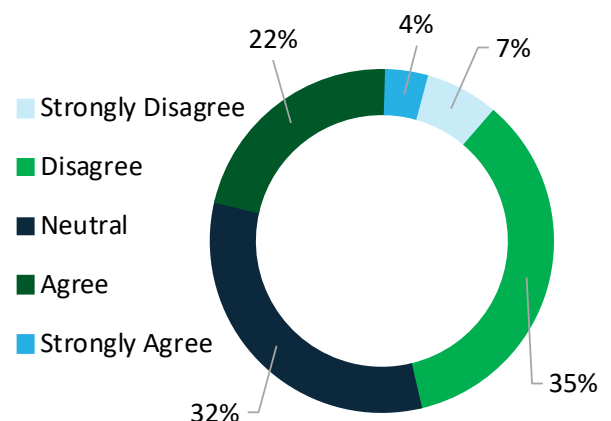
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a 'Spotlight' on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey's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

# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

## PLANT & EQUIPMENT VS TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE

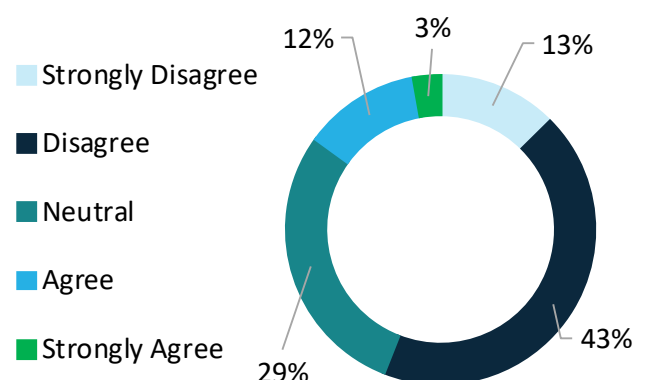
Question 22c of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statements in relation to UK GI: "It is difficult to find plant and equipment in the industry which is able to work to the Technical Standards"

- In total 26% agreed with the statement and 42% disagreed, with 32% remaining neutral.
- Members of the British Drilling Association; business owners; respondents from Scotland; respondents aged over 65, were all more likely to disagree to any extent.



Question 22d of the survey referred to the following statement: "It is difficult to find the plant and equipment in the industry which enables parties to a contract to abide by Health, Safety and Welfare legislation"

- Agreement with this statement totalled only 15% while 56% disagreed, with a further 29% remaining neutral.
- Analysis revealed some significant correlations: Senior managers, those with Professional/Chartered status and members of the British Drilling Association were all more likely to disagree to any extent.
- Respondents from Scotland were more likely to disagree to any extent.



# 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.*