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| **Steve Miller, Geotechnics Ltd****Site Investigation & Contracts****Synopsis:**The talk this evening will be looking at the practical implications and applications of a contract from a Contractor point of view. There will be explanation of what is a contract and why it is necessary. A discussion will look at how the contract is used to allocate the risks of the investigation and how they are shared between the Client and the Contractor. We will examine the difference between the bill of quantities and the specification in delivering the project and how the drafting of each of these is critical to avoid misunderstandings later in the process. I will introduce the 4 different types of contract we currently are working with and their implications from a Contractor point of view. Finally, by looking at some contractual wordings against a practical example we can ponder the best type of contract to be used for the delivery of a Site Investigation. **About the Speaker:**For many years Mr Miller worked abroad as an Exploration Geologist in various parts of Southern Africa and Latin America. Returning to the UK in the early 2000’s he worked as freelance geologist before taking up employment with Soil Mechanics and settling in South Wales. After many years of site work, he moved into the commercial arena of Site Investigation. Mr Miller is currently the Commercial Manager at Geotechnics. During his 9 years with Geotechnics he has been involved in the commercial activities supporting many large Site Investigations including Hull A63 Castle Street, Birmingham Resilience Project, SMP M1 Junction 13 and A303 Stonehenge.  |  |

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