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The third Extractive Industry Geology Conference was held at Warwick University on 21st and 22nd March 1983 and is the basis of this book. The Conference was a joint meeting of the Institution of Geologists, the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and the Geological Society and was organised by a Joint Committee having the following membership:

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The Conference was attended by 184 delegates who heard the papers and contributed to the discussion and workshop sessions. Associated with the Conference were four field trips, a visit to the NCB, Kingswood Opencast Colliery near Cannock; a demonstration of geophysical techniques at the Cliffe Hill Markfieldite Quarry; a tour of Douglas Technical Services' testing laboratories and an inspection of subsidence problems in the West Midlands.

This volume contains all the papers presented at the Conference. It is sincerely regretted that technical difficulties have prevented the inclusion of an account of the discussion periods and workshop sessions. It is hoped that this omission does not seriously detract from the value of the book.

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