



RGS CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN NEW PREMISES.

Yorkshire “success story” Rogers Geotechnical Services (RGS) Ltd is reporting another highly successful year from its new business premises in Shelley, Huddersfield.

In the past 13 years, the company has overcome many challenges – including a post-Brexit dip this August – but recovered well and is now going from strength to strength; employing 23 people, compared with eight in 2010.

To ensure business continuity, RGS has not moved far but has transferred operations to a neighbouring warehouse on the Barncliffe Business Estate. This is substantially larger than the previous HQ and has been refitted.

The move results from two years’ highly successful trading figures plus rapid expansion and consolidation of the RGS client base, both locally and nationally. The new HQ’s many advantages include:

- Substantially larger premises (in excess of 10,000 square feet), plus an external fenced yard with space for 10 cars, trailers, compressors and water bowsers
- Vastly improved laboratory facilities, allowing RGS’ “clean testing area” to at least double in size and enabling the better arrangement of some of the testing equipment
- Improved staff facilities – creating a drier, warmer, more comfortable working environment

Reviewing the year, MD Emma Lewis said, “It’s amazing that RGS has come such a long way in 13 years.

“Our move is bringing us so many benefits and it’s been a huge boost to both the business and to our dedicated staff. Looking back at 2016, it’s been another successful year and our costs have been well managed, with overheads remaining controlled.

“Like many, we did experience a dip in August – which last year was our busiest month – and we attribute this to the so-called Brexit effect. But we recovered well in the Autumn and we are very optimistic for next year as we’ve got a strong order book and enjoyed a productive period issuing quotes.”



Highlights during 2016 included:

Crisis Response – We pride ourselves on our ability to mobilise quickly and to provide a timely, proactive service to our clients, old and new, in times of genuine emergency. In the past year, we assisted with the following projects, to name just a few:

- **Rapid response to Cumbrian floods** – RGS mobilised a drilling rig in record time just before last Christmas, following an SOS from a major consultancy.
- **Landslip** – Likewise, when yet another deluge hit Todmorden on Boxing Day, a resident was horrified to see a large landslip had stopped just 15 metres short of her home, bringing down many full-grown trees, still standing upright.
- **Ongoing work in Huddersfield** – RGS mobilised to work on a high-profile public sector project in the town last November, and has project-managed the whole process with great success and made two further visits this year.

Lending our Expertise – one of the best parts of our operations is working alongside community and heritage groups who do such a fantastic job. These included:

- **Fascinating Finds at Pontefract Castle** – For the second time, RGS has been working at this historic castle, site of the infamous murder of King Richard II. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the castle site's undergoing major building and conservation work, paving the way for a new Visitor Centre. RGS has been working, alongside archaeologists, to help build a retaining wall.
- **Supporting Thorer Quarry** – RGS pledged support to the Thorer Quarry Feasibility Study Group which is raising funds to enhance this historic site as a village amenity. In recognition of the site's archaeological and geological importance, RGS undertook rock slope stability analysis of the old quarry, free of charge.

Monitoring standards - Health and safety is always a top priority at RGS, along with maintaining our environmental and quality management accreditations. QMS International carried out their latest audit as part of our ISO 9001, 14001 AND 18001 accreditations and RGS was described as "excellent".

Partnership working - RGS is delighted to have been working with Foundation Specialist and Piling Contract Roger Bullivant Ltd (RBL) this year.



Fact File:

New-look website: www.rogersgeotech.co.uk

Personnel: A 23-strong team, headed by managing Director Emma Lewis, Operations Director Chay Rogers and Technical Director Steve Rogers, who is Chay's father.

Services: Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd are site investigation specialists offering ground investigation and geotechnical and environmental services to developers, builders, structural and consulting engineers, architects, insurance companies, local authorities, piling and foundation engineers, private individuals and other geotechnical consultants.

Accreditations:

- BS EN ISO 9001, 14001 and 18001.
- Constructionline.
- Citation approved H&S management system.
- LELC approved HR systems.
- BS for geotechnical and geo-environmental industry.