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(for definitions – see end of document)

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APPENDIX

Definitions

The Virtual Seismic Atlas (VSA) –

A computer-based resource that is a depository for the geological interpretation of seismic and other relevant material, together with appropriate seismic data that underpin the interpretations. The server is hosted in the University of Leeds. Data (see below) hosted on the VSA is freely available for all to view and download via the VSA website. It is in effect an electronic publishing house for geological interpretations of seismic data. Materials are meta-tagged by data donors and through relationships to other material on the site. VSA users may access data using a variety of search strategies. Submission of data to the VSA is either by the VSA Executive Group and its development team or directly by registered VSA members.

VSA Executive Group -

This is the management team for the VSA, the members of which are clearly identified on the VSA web site. The Executive Group may change the definitions and Code of Practice at any time, although in general it would be expected to consult with the VSA Advisory Group. The present members of the Executive Group are the named investigators on the VSA Project (i.e. Rob Butler, Bill McCaffrey and Graham Stuart).

VSA Advisory Group -

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Rob Butler, February 2008.