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Preface

This volume has been conceived as a result of recent research programmes funded by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) of the UK Government and carried out by the British Geological Survey with associated field studies mainly in Malawi and Zimbabwe. Final Reports have been produced for the British Geological Survey Open File Series which also list previous reports by individual team members. The Project Team was made up from staff of the British Geological Survey (BGS) and the Institute of Hydrology, in association with staff of national organizations in the countries concerned.

A Commonwealth Science Council Workshop on crystalline basement aquifers was held in Harare, Zimbabwe in June 1987 attended by participants from the majority of countries in Africa with significant basement outcrop, along with invited speakers from Australia, Brazil, India and Sri Lanka. The Proceedings were published in 1989 (CSC(89)WMR-13, Technical Paper 273). Some results of the BGS project studies were also reviewed at the Geological Society in April 1989, presentations at this meeting forming the basis of this Special Publication. A number of invited papers on regional issues in Africa are also included and are designed to assist an understanding of the feasibility of extrapolation of the results of the more detailed local studies.

The Overseas Development Administration of the UK Government provided the funds for the research programmes carried out by the British Geological Survey and has also been generous in the support of publication costs. The Geological Society meeting was organized jointly by the Society’s Hydrogeological Group and by the Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID).