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Preface

THIS book is primarily concerned with the drafting of specification clauses for civil and municipal engineering work. The specification on a civil engineering contract constitutes a contract document and its provision is essential if the material and workmanship requirements of the job are to be adequately detailed.

The book sets out to indicate how a comprehensive and yet straightforward specification can be produced. The specification acts as one of the principal lines of communication between the Engineer and the Contractor and thus requires the exercise of considerable care and skill in its preparation.

The contents of this book should be helpful to engineers when compiling specifications and also of value to students who are studying the subject for degrees, diplomas and professional examinations in civil and municipal engineering.

Units of measurement, weight and pressure have been converted to their nearest metric equivalents using the analogue or 'rounding-off' method, and the imperial units are shown in brackets. Appendix IV contains an analogue metric conversion table which readers may find useful when preparing their own specifications on the metric system.

At the time of going to press the final decision on the form of the decimal marker had not been made by all participant bodies, but the point has been used throughout in line with the recommendation of the Decimal Currency Board.

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