Diagnosis: A large subcircular variety of *R. circus*, over 12 micron in size.

Description: A large placoliths having a circular to subcircular outline, a quadrate central opening which represents about 25% of the total length of the coccolith and a prominent collar.

Differentiation: *Reticulofenestra circus* var. *lata* differs from *R. circus* by having a thicker collar and significantly larger size. The outline of *Reticulofenestra circus* var. *lata* and the shape of the central opening are indistinguishable from those of *R. circus* (pl. 1, figs. 1-8). For these reasons it is considered a variety of *R. circus* rather than a separate species. *Reticulofenestra circus* var. *lata* is differentiated from *Cyclicargolithus abisectus* >10µm by
its larger, quadrate central opening.

**Size:** About 12-14 micron long.

**Derivation of name:** from latin latus, large which refers to the large size of the coccolith.

**Holotype:** Plate 1, fig. 11, DSDP Site 558, sample 25-6, 70cm.

**Type locality:** DSDP Site 558, North Atlantic Ocean.

**Range:** from the upper part of Zone NP22 to the lower part of Zone NP23. Restricted to Chron C12r.