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Ms Laura Allen  
Infrastructure Planning Commission  
Temple Quay House  
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Dear Ms Allen

**Request for Authorisation under Section 53 Planning Act 2008**  
**Proposed Preesall Salt Field Underground Gas Storage Facility**  
**Halite Energy Group Limited**



Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2011. Halite has been in discussions with its advisers regarding the applications for authorisation under Section 53. We have taken the decision to review our approach in respect of assessing archaeological issues. This is a result of our experiences with surveys proposed on land where we have reached agreement with the landowner, and also limitations in securing access to the redline DCO corridor at this time.

On that basis, we have decided to withdraw all of the Section 53 applications. Please therefore treat this letter as a withdrawal of each of the six applications for a Section 53 authorisation.

We confirm we have also written to each of the landowners confirming the withdrawal.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely

  
 Brian Stanley  
Project Director