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Dear Sirs

**RE: Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Notice of procedural decisions made at and following the Preliminary Meeting regarding an application for the proposed Underground Gas Storage Facility at Pressall Saltfield, Lancashire**

**Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN030001**

Our Ref: [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd May 2012 regarding the above matters.

In response to Item 2, written representations, then the only questions we have relate to the impact of brine discharge to the Irish Sea and associated work.

We are the duty holder and operator on the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramway operating between Starr Gate and Fleetwood Ferry. The Government in conjunction with Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Borough Council have very recently completed our £102 million upgrade of the Tramway including significant renewal of the track and track bed.

We understand from representatives of Halite Energy Group that the discharge pipes are to be laid underneath this newly upgraded track bed. Naturally our only concerns and need for guarantee is that no disturbance or damage is made to the Tramway during the works period or at any time after the works period which for example might be caused through settlement. We run modern trams worth £2.2 million over this track section and any disturbance to the track bed could have a severe operational and health and
safety consequence. In the event that the application is granted then all we would request is appropriate assurances to safeguard the investments and the operation of the Tramway.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Roberts
Managing Director