PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY, LANCASHIRE

Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) Application
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN HYDER CONSULTING (UK) LIMITED (ON BEHALF OF HALITE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED) AND WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON THE TOPIC OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND BUILT HERITAGE

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (Hyder) (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and Wyre Borough Council (WBC) on the topic of Archaeology and Built Heritage.

1.1.2 Discussions between WBC and Hyder have been held since the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application was accepted for Examination. The aim of these discussions was, where possible, to reach a common ground in relation to the following DCO Application Documents:

- Chapter 7: Archaeology and Built Heritage of Volume 1A of the Environmental Statement (ES) (DCO Application Document Reference 5.1)
- Appendices 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 of Volume 1B of the ES (DCO Application Document Reference 5.2)
- Figures 7.1 and 7.2 of Volume 2B of the ES (DCO Application Document Reference 5.4)

1.1.3 It should be noted that the agreements made within this SoCG are in relation to the elements that are within WBC’s interest (above ground built heritage). WBC defers to the opinion of Lancashire County Council (LCC) in relation to archaeology.
2 ACCEPTED DATA

2.1 Assessment Methodology

2.1.1 The methodology sets out the approach to the Archaeology and Built Heritage assessment, and is presented within Section 7.3 of Volume 1A of the ES.

2.1.2 The assessment methodology is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.2 Baseline Information

2.2.1 Sections 7.4 and 7.5 of Volume 1A of the ES present the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to the Archaeology and Built Heritage assessment.

2.2.2 The baseline information is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.3 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

2.3.1 Mitigation and enhancement measures are identified within Section 7.8 of Volume 1A of the ES.

2.3.2 The mitigation and enhancement measures are agreed.

2.4 Assessment Findings

2.4.1 Section 7.7 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Potential Effects on Archaeology and Built Heritage as a result of the Project without consideration of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures. Section 7.9 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Residual Effects, i.e. with incorporation of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.

2.4.2 The findings of the assessment are agreed.
3 DATA NOT ACCEPTED

3.1.1 There are no elements of the documents identified within Section 1.1.2 of this SoCG that are not agreed.
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground on the topic of Archaeology and Built Heritage has been prepared by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited, and agreed by Wyre Borough Council.

Signed:

Councillor David Henderson
Planning Committee Chairman
on behalf of Wyre Borough Council
Date: 29th May 2012

Signed:

David Hoare
on behalf of Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited
Date: 30 May 2012