To: Halite Energy Group Limited
   Natural England
   Marine Management Organisation
   Environment Agency
   Wyre Borough Council
   Lancashire County Council
   Lancashire Wildlife Trust

By email

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application for Development Consent for a proposed Underground Gas Storage Facility at Preesall Saltfield, Lancashire

Planning Inspectorate Reference No EN030001

Request for Further Information under Rule 17 - Closing date for responses: 7 September 2012

As you may be aware, The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) Regulations 2012 - SI 2012 No. 1927¹ came into force on the 16 August 2012. The Regulations amend the 2010 Habitats Regulations to place new duties and obligations on the Secretary of State and the relevant conservation bodies to enhance the protection of habitats in line with the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Wild Birds Directive (2009/147/EC).

The Panel would be grateful if the following Interested Parties could advise us by 7 September 2012 in your view whether, and if so how, these amendments to the Habitats Regulations affect the representations that you have made on this application:

- The Applicant (Halite Energy Group Limited);
- Natural England;
- Marine Management Organisation;
- Environment Agency;

¹ http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1927/contents/made
http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure
o Lancashire Wildlife Trust;
o Wyre Borough Council; and
o Lancashire County Council.

Although this request is only being sent to the Interested Parties to whom the question is addressed, it is also being published on the project page of the website\(^2\) and other Interested Parties who wish to respond of course may do so.

The Panel will take into account all responses received by the above closing date.

Yours faithfully

Paul Hudson
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

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