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By email and hard copy

Dear Secretary of State

Statement of matters with respect to further written representations (pursuant to rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010)

PROPOSED UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY, PREESALL, LANCASHIRE.

I refer to your letter of 8 April 2014 inviting interested parties to submit further representations. The following representations are made in respect of matter (v) – any other matters arising since 9 April 2013.

1. Since the original application was considered full planning permission has been given for the sea defence scheme extending north from Rossall (app ref: 13/00501/LMAJ) and works have now commenced in implementing this scheme. The council would therefore expect the details shown for the brine discharge pipeline where it crosses the sea wall, to be revised to accord with the now approved sea defences plan and to be to the satisfaction/agreement of the council in this respect. I understand from correspondence with agents acting for Halite that Halite is aware of the works to the sea defence scheme and they are in discussions currently with the Council's Coastal Engineers. They also refer to Requirement 4 of the draft DCO which allows Halite to submit a different design to the Council for approval.
2. In relation to construction noise, given that the sea defence works are ongoing, we request that the noise limits previously negotiated/agreed should be based on the cumulative noise impact from both operations taken together and not based on the noise from Halite's operations in isolation. Again, we have corresponded directly with Halite's agents on this and have been informed that Requirement 26 of the draft DCO also allows for a noise management scheme for construction noise to be submitted and approved by

the Council and they note that the council will expect the submitted scheme to have regard to cumulative impacts.

I hope this assists you.

Yours sincerely

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