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**To:** Scott Giles (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Proposed Underground Gas Storage Project at Preesall, Lancashire

Dear Mr Scott,

I am writing in support of Halite Energy's plans to develop an underground gas storage project at Preesall, Lancashire, which are currently being re-examined by DECC following a Judicial Review decision in Halite's favour in January 2014.

I am managing director of Lancashire-based Remsol, a waste and environmental services business, and have a keen interest in promoting the county's energy potential as a key driver of growth and job creation.

Business and Energy Minister, the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, recently visited our offices following a North West Energy Task Force conference attended by almost 400 delegates from businesses across the North West. It was clear from this event that there are valuable opportunities for the supply chain in relation to potential energy projects such as the one proposed by Halite.

As well as having a major impact on Lancashire, the project clearly has the potential to dramatically improve the UK's gas storage capacity and thereby help the country's future energy security. Energy security is one of the greatest challenges facing our country following the decline in production of oil and gas in the North Sea. I understand there is only 15 days storage in the UK, compared with 99 days in Germany and 122 days in France. Recent events in Russia and Ukraine bring this concern into even sharper focus.

I urge DECC to support this project as it will bring a major boost to Lancashire's economy, create jobs at local and national level, and could go some way to addressing the price and energy security issues currently faced by the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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