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Dear Mr Scott

**Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage Facility at Preesall**

I am writing as a member of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA NW), that comprises both local SMEs and multinational contractors, in support of Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage Facility at Preesall.

The Government published a National Policy Statement ( National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines EN4), that includes support for projects such as Preesall to create more gas storage. I assume I am correct then in believing this is a direct strategy of the Government to increase the amount of gas storage in the UK.

If my assumption is correct, then, I respectfully ask that the Secretary of State fairly assess the current re-determination and grants a development consent order for Preesall.

There are significant local benefits for Preesall; employment, supply chain, inward private sector investment in the county of Lancashire. For my company, a north west based civil engineering contractor, a SME, the project provides me with an opportunity to win work to supply construction services. Many contractors and engineering firms in the North West can benefit if Preesall goes ahead.

The works span a range of conventional construction contracts, which can be sourced from the North West , plus specialist equipment and services. I recently met Keith Budinger, Chief Executive of Halite. He shared with me an analysis of the skill requirements and job profiles for the project. Halite is currently working up firm proposals to maximise local impacts by:

- Information events for local firms such as ours to raise awareness on the types of works opportunities that are emerging. Halite as already carried out some initial events, but these would be expended if the project was approved.
- Extensive outreach work with local businesses to ensure that they are aware of the occupational characteristics of the likely labour force and can tailor their provision accordingly. Halite has already engaged with Blackpool and Fylde College.
- Adopting a local construction charter – Halite is committed to developing partnerships and local labour and procurement protocols being written into major works orders, construction contracts.

A £600m capital investment represents a significant investment into the North West economy. The mechanisms outlined above will be vital in ensuring that maximum value is captured in the North West.

Mr Secretary of State; please grant this project consent.

Yours sincerely

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