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Dear Mr. Scott

RE:- 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 SMWs and multinational contractors.

Having recently met the Halite management team in Kirkham, and undertaken a site visit with them, we wish to provide support to Halite's application for a Development Consent Order to construct and operate this facility.

Their proposal is for the development of up to 19 purpose-built caverns in the salt field that lies deep underground at Preesall in Lancashire. The vast majority of the project would not be visible once built. We are interested in providing resources to Halite to assist them in building the following above ground infrastructure:

- Security and support facility
- Booster pump station
- Wellhead compounds
- Gas compressor compound and sub-station
- Seawater pump station

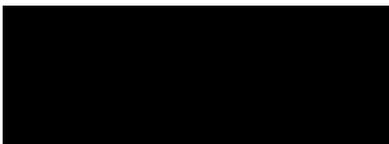
We are also aware that three pipelines will also be required as part of the project:

- Seawater pipeline
- Brine discharge pipeline
- Gas interceptor pipeline

We understand the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) is currently re-examining Halite's application following a Judicial Review in January 2014 that quashed the decision last year by the Secretary of State to refuse consent.

No withstanding the fact that the UK needs more gas storage, Preesall would present a significant opportunity to revitalise the local economy here in the North West. Halite is committed to ensuring that, wherever possible, goods and services are procured locally. I would ask that the Secretary of State grant consent for this project.

Yours sincerely



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