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To: Scott Giles (Energy Development)
Subject: Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall

Dear Mr Scott

For the attention of the Secretary of State

Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall

I am writing as a business based in the North West and as an active member of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA NW) in support of Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall

I recently met with Keith Budinger the CEO of Halite Energy in Kirkham where he explained the project to me in detail and gave me a guided tour of the area of the proposed Gas Storage Facility. There is no doubt that this is a very large and important development and it offers considerable opportunities for companies like ours based in the North West of England.

Halite Energy is committed to ensuring that it utilises a local supply chain. With this in mind and having recently completed several very similar construction schemes in the Cheshire Gas Storage Fields this scheme represents a significant opportunity for our company and others within the North West to expand and develop our experience further.

In 2013 Halite made a considerable investment in training local residents. Working alongside Blackpool and Fylde College, I understand that out of 100 people trained 87 have since gone into employment. This helps to demonstrate that along with our own training programmes and our expertise of engaging young people in the NEET group with our core company values of training and developing young people the required skills and resources for the project are available within the North West.

In supporting this development Harry Fairclough Construction Ltd feel that the opportunities which would be made available during the 8 year construction period would directly benefit local construction and engineering companies and would provide a welcome boost to the industry.

Yours sincerely

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