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**To:** Scott Giles (Energy Development)  
**Subject:** Halite Energy Group Preesall Application: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Scott,

Please find attached a letter, from our Operation's Director Andy Redhead, supporting Halite Energy Group's application in respect of the gas storage facility in Preesall.

We hope that it goes some way to helping you understand the level of our support for this project.

Thanking you, in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Thompson

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Dear Mr. Scott,

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

I am writing to you, in my capacity as Operations Director for the Formative Group business, in support of Halite's proposed Underground Gas Storage project in Lancashire.

My position with the Formative Group has involved me working closely with many companies in the Oil, Gas, Petrochemical and Renewable Energy sectors across 3 Continents.

My firm has worked with Halite over the past three years during which time we have seen, at first hand, the quality and professionalism that Halite has applied to this project. I have personally interacted with Halite's management team who are very committed to the development of Preesall both for the benefit of the UK and at a local level.

From my analysis of the UK gas storage position I conclude the following:

1. Security of gas supply is a key issue for the UK as import dependence continues to grow
2. The UK is more dependent on LNG yet has less storage capacity than other EU member states
3. Your Government's Energy Security Strategy recognizes the importance of storage and the need to main gas infrastructure and promotes investments such as Preesall
4. More gas storage must help maintain downward pressure on gas price spikes providing security of price (in other words helping to keep my gas bills down!)
5. More gas storage must be supporting your Government's Green Agenda, complementing wind power and other alternative energy sources

To me, any decision to reject the Preesall application would appear inconsistent with Government priorities to increase gas storage and gas security, particularly with the present Russia / Ukraine situation and the prospect of continued instability in this, and other relevant regions, for years to come. Gas storage is vital to the UK gas market. Storage facilities, such as Preesall, will contribute to the regional economy in the North West and provide much needed work for businesses such as mine.

Please re-determine the Preesall application in its favour and award consent.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Redhead

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