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Dear Mr. Scott

***Preesall Gas Underground Gas Storage Facility***

I am writing in support of the above planning application, which I believe has been submitted to you for reexamination.

Lesar offer a complete range of ID products such as employee ID badges including visitor passes and security passes. We are located in Blackburn Lancashire and are a member of the East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce.

Recently we attended a chamber meeting on construction projects where Halite Energy presented an overview of their proposal to develop an Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility at Preesall in Lancashire.

The scale of capital expenditure at £600m would represent one of the largest single investment projects in Lancashire in recent years. Halite Energy has made a clear commitment to maximizing local economic benefits wherever possible through its own activities and procurement patterns. Local partnerships, local labour and sourcing protocols will be written into major works orders and construction contracts. This is very good news for the northwest.

In Lancashire there are over 7,000 businesses that have the potential to secure work with Halite, of which Lesar would be one. We are obviously very keen to participate in this project should it get approved.

In 2011 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. This means there would appear to be a direct strategy by Government to increase the amount of gas storage in the UK.

If the above is indeed accurate, then please make a recommendation to the Secretary of State that the Preesall gas project is approved at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Pat Broderick

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