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Mr Giles Scott
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Dear Mr Scott

Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall

The purpose of this letter is for Pendle Signs & Plastics Ltd to formally register its support for the Halite Energy Group's Underground Gas Storage application in Preesall, Lancashire.

We are a Lancashire based business that still holds traditional values close to its heart. We have over our 32 year existence provided signage solutions to a wide variety of industries, including energy. Our competent and capable team together with up-to-date computer controlled equipment has allowed the company to flourish and offer bespoke signage nationwide.

I recently met with the Halite Chief Executive who gave me a detailed description of the Preesall project. I was very impressed with Halite's commitment to investing in the communities and environment of Rural West Wyre and Fleetwood. A £600m development of this scale will need the skills and products of a wide range of firms including Pendle Signs & Plastics Ltd. There are significant economic benefits to the local and regional economy if Preesall was to go ahead and we should grasp the opportunity.

In September 2013, the Department of Energy & Climate Change published a statement with its conclusions on a series of potential supply interventions in the gas market, which explored the options relating to an incentive (public subsidy) for more gas storage. Overall DECC concluded that there was not a case for any such intervention, and in doing so expressed a view that market investment would be key to delivering security of supply for gas customers. Any barriers to this, such as turning down the Preesall application, would clearly undermine DECC's conclusions and materially affect the chance of the "lights going out" sometime in the future.

Further to the above I am aware of only two other gas storage projects under construction – we obviously need more to improve on our current 14 days. Granting Preesall a development consent order makes sense for the UK and Northwest. Please make the right decision.

Yours sincerely



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