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Department of Energy and
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Re - Gas Storage Project – Preesall Lancashire Halite Energy Group

Dear Mr Giles Scott,

Craven electrical & security ltd are based in Leyland in Lancashire. We wish to offer our support to the Halite Energy Group in seeking permission from you to build a gas storage facility in Preesall.

Craven are an approved Niceic contractor and domestic installer, providing a professional and reliable service. We are able to undertake all aspects of electrical work including Commercial, Residential and Industrial in the North West. We have recently completed some work for Halite, meeting their management team and seeing at first hand the size, scale and opportunity their £600m investment will bring to the Northwest.

I can see that this project will create new job opportunities reducing unemployment in the surrounding area (unemployment is still high here).

It will also bring new opportunities for firms like mine to supply local goods and services, keeping the economic benefit within Lancashire for our county to grow and prosper.

I am sure you are aware the UK has less gas storage capacity compared to that of similar gas import dependant countries such as France and Germany. UK gas production from the North Sea is in decline and imports have risen to meet demand. I understand by 2025 the UK will be reliant for around 75 percent of its gas. This concerns me as a home owner who uses gas to heat the home and to cook food, particularly if those sources of imported gas are disrupted. particularly as the UK has only 14 days of storage at the moment.

Preesall becomes even more crucial after 6 projects with nearly 10 billion cubic metres of UK gas storage were put on hold or cancelled after the UK Government made a decision in September 2013 not to introduce a storage investment support mechanism.

On a professional note there is already a large, reliable electrical connection nearby to Preesall which will allow quiet, environmentally friendly electrical gas compression

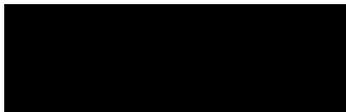
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to be used to operate the facility and minimise the amount of new electrical infrastructure needed to supply the Preesall facility.
Craven electrical & security remains an advocate for the Halite project. Please do your best to review the planning application and award consent. Thank you

Yours Sincerely



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