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The Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP
Minister of State for Business and Energy
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
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Dear Minister

Preesall Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall – Halite Energy Group Project Application

I am writing as a Managing Director of DHL Supply Chain in support of Halite Energy Group in its efforts to obtain a Development Consent Order (DCO) for its underground gas storage project in Preesall, Lancashire.

DHL is present in over 220 countries and territories across the globe, making it the most international company in the world. With a workforce exceeding 285,000 employees, DHL is part of the world's leading postal and logistics Group, Deutsche Post DHL. In the UK, DHL employ over 46,000 people providing end-to-end supply chain services spanning all industries including Utilities, Automotive, Healthcare and Construction.

Our scale and expertise, combined with our experience in the Energy and Construction sectors, means we have developed successful supply chain solutions for customers of all sizes, including most of the local and regional suppliers of goods and services within the North West of England. You may be aware that DHL Supply Chain have supported a number of major UK infrastructure projects, including Crossrail, Hinckley Point C and HS2.

If approved, Halite's project would represent a £660m investment in Lancashire. A development of this size and scale will need to draw upon the skills of DHL as an efficient utilisation of labour, infrastructure and equipment is key to the success of new build projects such as Preesall.

Scrutinising the Halite project, storing gas in caverns underground is a proven industry that is well established across the world. Gas storage at Preesall would provide much needed security of energy supply for the whole country. It would minimise the risk of gas supply interruptions and increased prices and provide back up for intermittent electricity generated by our wind farms.

A facility at Preesall would increase the UK's gas storage capacity by 20 percent. There is clearly a national need and significant local benefit should this project be approved.

Yours sincerely

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