

Date: 16 July 2014



Dear Mr Scott,

Preesall Gas Underground Gas Storage Facility – Halite Energy Group

I am writing on behalf of Aggregate Industries to offer our support to the Halite Energy Group in its efforts to be granted a development consent offer (DCO) for the underground gas storage project in Lancashire.

Aggregate Industries manufactures and supplies quarry products and building materials to the construction industry. Aggregate Industries is a member of the Holcim group, one of the world's leading suppliers of cement, aggregates, ready-mixed concrete and asphalt, and we employ over 4,000 people at 300 sites in the UK, northern Europe and the Channel Islands.

We are in discussions with the Halite Energy Group regarding the proposed construction of the above mentioned £600m underground gas storage facility. As a quarrying company, we own sites across the UK, and we have major operations in Lancashire and the north west of England from which we can supply products and services to support the construction requirements of this major scheme.

We have significant experience of supplying materials to major construction projects in the energy sector, including offshore gas pipeline schemes and the corresponding onshore infrastructure. As an operator and employer in the north west, we welcome the commitment that the Halite Energy Group have made to sourcing local materials for the project and maximising local content in the proposals.

Our own business depends on the provision of a robust and reliable energy supply to manufacture products and deliver them to our markets. In addition to the significant construction opportunity that this project represents, we are supportive of this scheme and its wider role in contributing to the future energy mix of the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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