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Dear Mr Giles Scott

Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility

Siemens is a globally operating technology company with core activities in the fields of energy, industry, infrastructure and healthcare. We have 13,760 employees in the UK and a total global workforce of 362,000. We operate in nearly all countries of the world and our reported consolidated revenue for 2013 was more than €75 billion.

Siemens Industry UK, with our base in Manchester, is a leading supplier of innovative, environmentally-friendly products and solutions for industrial customers in the UK and worldwide. We fully support the government's initiative to re-balance the UK economy and to strengthen our manufacturing industries.

Siemens has supplied equipment and services to a number of significant national infrastructure projects including electrical power transmission and bulk gas transportation.

We believe that energy security is vital to UK industry and the economy as a whole and for that reason we support investment in UK gas storage capacity. The Preesall Underground Gas Storage project is one of the most significant potential investments in this area and represents a substantial investment in the UK's industrial future. When complete, it will help to reduce the risk of gas supply interruptions as our domestic energy supply industry moves to cleaner and renewable fuels.

Siemens has met with the Halite management team to review their project and its £600m capital investment construction plan and we believe that we can assist Halite by using our solid market expertise, technology-based services and software for industrial processes. We are in discussions regarding our unmatched offering of automation technology, industrial controls and drive technology as well as industrial software, which Halite require over their entire value chain.

We understand that subject to local planning applications, the Preesall project would provide significant economic benefits to the local and national economy, while at the same time increasing the UK's national gas reserves by around 20%.

Yours sincerely

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