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Dear Mr Scott

Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility, Lancashire

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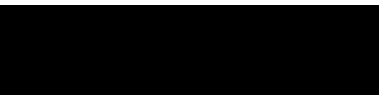
The purpose of me contacting you is to register our support for the Preesall project being developed by the Halite Energy Group based in Kirkham. This £600m investment represents a significant opportunity in the North West. Local jobs and work opportunities will be created for local firms such as us, at a time when unemployment here remains stubbornly high.

Nationally the recent unrest in Ukraine has highlighted the importance of UK energy security and a need for increased gas storage capacity; currently we only have 15 days in the UK versus 99 days in Germany and 122 days in France. Preesall supports UK National Policy Statement (EN-1): "Increased gas storage capacity; whether for gaseous gas in underground storage facilities, or as LNG tanks above ground, is required to provide close-to-market 'swing supply' to help meet peak demand".

From a business perspective, Preesall is supported by a wide range of business organisations at regional and national level e.g., British Ceramic Confederation, North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, CBI, Energy & Utilities Alliance, Major Energy Users Council, National Joint Council for Engineering & Construction Industry, Civil Engineering Contractors Association and East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Glovers looks forward to working with the Halite Energy Group should the project be granted planning permission. We would respectfully ask that DECC and the Secretary of State look carefully at the benefits of the Preesall project for the Lancashire and UK economy as a whole and duly authorise its consent.

Yours sincerely
Glovers Project Services Limited



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