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Subject: FW: Preesall Appeal for Support
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent representation on Halite Energy Group's proposed Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility.

I can confirm that all representations received are being forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and will be published on its Infrastructure Planning Portal <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/preesall-saltfield-underground-gas-storage/> in due course. All representations received and other relevant information will also be taken into account in the Secretary of State's decision on the application.

Yours faithfully,



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From: John Day [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 August 2014 13:06
To: Hancock MPST.
Cc: Giles Scott
Subject: Appeal for Support

Dear Minister,

Please find the attached letter which is an appeal for support in the progress of Halite Energy Group's Preeshall Project.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Yours sincerely,

John Day

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Rt Hon Matthew Hancock MP
Minister of State for Business and Enterprise
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31st July 2014

Dear Minister,

Preesall Gas Underground Gas Storage Planning Application Halite Energy Group

First of all may I offer my congratulations to you on your appointment on the 15th July 2014 as Minister of State at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Minister of State at the Department of Energy and Climate Change and Minister of State for Portsmouth?

Being a supporter of the Conservative Party and living in Suffolk myself, I would like to thank you for having the Hatchfield Farm planning application called in by the Secretary of State responsible, Eric Pickles. This will mean the proposal to build on the land can be thoroughly scrutinised, taking into account the national importance of Newmarket and the impact the housing development could have on the horseracing industry. As you will no doubt guess I am a supporter of the Turf!

I am contacting you regarding a proposed underground gas storage facility in Preesall, Lancashire. I have a number friends and work colleagues who live near the locality in Preesall, Fleetwood and Blackpool, I am told the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change is currently reassessing this application. I was hoping you could assist wearing your hats as both a Minister of State for Business & Enterprise and Energy.

Basically my acquaintances in the Northwest are desperate for employment opportunities such as those potentially being offered by Halite, should the project get approved and constructed. I am told an average of 1,200 jobs will be created during the eight-year construction phase of the project. Halite is committed to ensuring that, at the very least, 17 per cent of these jobs go to local people, which is very good news.

In January 2013 I understand Halite proved this commitment by funding fees for 100 local residents to train at Blackpool & The Fylde College. Even though Halite did not get approval for the project first time around in April 2013, 87 of these individuals have since gone into work. This project if approved will benefit the local economy and help local people get back to work.

Nationally you are probably acutely aware of a need to address the concerns of energy costs, energy security and supply and of the UK's wider economic prospects; in short - jobs. I believe the UK Government recognises the need to substantially increase UK gas storage capacity with projects such as Preesall, which is fast cycle. We know the UK currently has 14 days of storage vs. France (87 days), Germany (69 days) and Italy (59 days).

I would politely ask that once the Halite application has been fairly assessed, that permission be given for its construction and operation. I know many people in the Northwest are campaigning hard for the project to be approved. Any help or assistance you can provide in making a good decision for the UK would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your time and I wish you every success in your new roles.

Yours sincerely

John Day

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