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Dear Sir/Madam,

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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Dear Mr. Scott

Preesall Gas Underground Gas Storage Planning Application

We are contacting you representing the Macdonald Tickled Trout Hotel situated in the heart of Lancashire, Red Rose country, regarding a company named Halite Energy Group, who is seeking planning permission for an underground gas storage facility to be built in Preesall, close by our hotel.

Macdonald Hotel & Resorts are a group of 45 hotels across the UK, each with its own unique style. The Tickled Trout Hotel has recently been awarded the Downtown in Lancashire Business Best Hotel Award.

We understand the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change is currently reassessing Halite's application. The Macdonald Tickled Trout Hotel supports Halite Energy Group and its Preesall project.

Locally, Halite's proposed project will greatly benefit Lancashire and the local area. A £600m investment would provide significant economic benefits to the local and regional economy in addition to the creation of jobs. The Tickled Trout Hotel is at the gateway to Preesall, ideally situated to offer well-equipped conference suites and meeting rooms for businesses such as Halite.

Nationally the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee recognized the need for more gas storage in their report on the UK's Energy Supply published on 25th October 2011. The Committee said that DECC should aim to double the UK's current gas storage from current levels by 2020, to ensure a resilient gas supply. We understand an added benefit of Preesall is that it would be a "very fast cycle" salt cavern storage facility. This means it would be capable of moving large quantities of gas either in or out very quickly. Preesall can apparently lend itself to providing the day-to-day flexibility required for security of electricity and gas supply as well as longer-term seasonal cover. This must be good news for businesses like ours that depend upon power supplies being secure and cheap.

The Preesall project presents an ideal opportunity to develop a facility that could be used for decades to come, thereby helping secure the UK's future energy security. It also represents a much needed, significant investment into the Lancashire economy at a vital time.

Your assistance in making sure the Preesall Gas Underground Gas Storage Planning Application is approved by the Secretary of State would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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