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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on further written representations received (pursuant to rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010) and other relevant information**

**PRESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

Following the Order of the High Court (Patterson J) made on 17 January 2014 quashing the decision of the Secretary of State dated 9 April 2013 to refuse the application by Halite Energy Group Limited ("the Applicant") for development consent for the proposed underground gas storage facility including associated development in Preesall, Lancashire ("the Development"), the Secretary of State must now re-determine that application.

A Statement of Matters was issued to interested parties on 8 April 2014 in accordance with Rule 20(2) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. This set out the matters in relation to which the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change considered further representations were needed for the purposes of his re-determination of the application.

I am now writing to interested parties to provide an opportunity to make representations on an independent geological report produced by Senergy (GB) Limited on the Development ("the independent geological report") and on the representations received during the first consultation round ("the representations").

The Statement of Matters, independent geological report and the representations can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/preesall-saltfield-underground-gas-storage/>

Any further representations interested parties wish to make on the independent geological report and the representations should be sent in writing to the Secretary of State **by no later than 11 September 2014**. Kindly direct any representations to:

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Subject to the representations received, the Secretary of State intends re-determining the application following this consultation round. Please note that all representations received on the application during the re-determination process will be taken into account by the Secretary of State. There is no need therefore for an interested party to make a further representation unless they wish to specifically comment on matters not addressed in their early representation. To assist the re-determination process, please also ensure that your representations are received no later than the date specified above.

Yours faithfully,

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