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Dear Mr Grace

PROPOSED UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY AT PREESALL, LANCASHIRE

As you will be aware, following the Secretary of State's initial consultation with interested parties in April 2014¹, the Department invited further comments in July 2014 on Senergy (GB) Limited's ("Senergy") "Independent Geological Report" (A14DEC085A, July 2014) and other representations received for the purposes of his re-determination of the application.

The Department is currently giving consideration to all these representations and in the meantime we wish to clarify some key design parameters for the plant. In the light of Senergy's report and the representations made by your client, Halite Energy Group ("Halite"), with respect to that report, please could Halite confirm to the Secretary of State by close of play on Wednesday 22 October 2014 at the latest:

- the planned daily injection rate and withdrawal rate;
- the planned number of annual cycles;
- the anticipated static working volume and the anticipated annual volumes; and
- if different from that applied for, the size of the above ground infrastructure that would be required for a range of working volumes under the planned operating conditions (e.g. 600, 300, 200, 150, 100Mcm).

¹ Pursuant to rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN030001/4.%20Redetermination/Correspondence%20received%20by%20Secretary%20of%20State/Statement%20of%20Matters%20for%20redetermination%20of%20the%20Preesall%20Underground%20Gas%20Storage%20Facility.pdf>)

This letter is being copied to interested parties for information. It is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Preesall underground gas storage facility, and nothing in this letter may be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours sincerely,

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