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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility**

We refer to your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 sent to our clients the Historic Railways Estate Section of the Highways Agency. We are instructed to advise you as follows:

The Highways Agency, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, is not opposed to the principle of the project subject of this application. However, the desire to compulsorily acquire rights to lay and maintain their equipment within the boundaries of the closed branch line owned by our clients is unnecessary. On transport grounds, we are satisfied that the impact on our clients' property can be adequately managed. However, on behalf of our clients, we will be looking to work with HALITE and their representatives to develop a Statement of Common Ground on the above matters prior to any hearing taking place.

We trust that this is sufficient for your immediate requirements, but if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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