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> Friday 27th May 2011 Our Ref: EN030001

Dear Mrs Squires,

PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER UNDER THE PLANNING ACT 2008 ("PA 2008") FOR AN UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY AT PREESALL, LANCASHIRE.

Thank you for the copy of your correspondence to Halite dated 26th May 2011 and for keeping us informed of your involvement. Your comments have been noted and will be kept for future reference.

May I take this opportunity to clarify matters we may take into account should an application be submitted to us. Once an application is submitted the IPC will look at how the developer has carried out consultation and if it has been carried out in line with their SoCC. We will seek the views of the Local Authorities on whether they consider consultation to have been adequate. I note that you have copied in Lancashire County Council and Wyre Borough Council and if your concerns are ongoing I would encourage you to continue your correspondence with them as well as Halite directly

The IPC will take into consideration the Consultation Report which must be submitted by the developer. This report must include an account of all consultation carried out, a summary of the responses received and how they have shaped the proposal. We also are able to request the original responses if it is thought to be necessary. This and further information can also be found on our website: www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the IPC, Tom Carpen or myself at the address or email provided.

Yours sincerely

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