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30th September 2014

Dear Mr. Carpen,

STATUTORY CONSULTATION LAUNCHED ON THE KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT

I am writing to let you know that Keuper Gas Storage Limited (KGSL) has launched statutory consultation on proposals to develop further underground gas storage in Cheshire. The consultation on the Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) will commence on 2nd October 2014 and close on 27th November 2014.

Subject to feedback received during the consultation period KGSL propose to submit an application for development consent, under the Planning Act 2008, to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) would see brine extracted from underground cavities at the Holford Brinefield and surrounding area north of Middlewich, Cheshire. The cavities would then be used to store natural gas. An existing brine pipeline, which runs from Northwich to Runcorn, will continue to be used to transport brine from the Holford Brinefield to INEOS' operations in Runcorn and will not be used to move gas.

KGSL has published several documents to coincide with the statutory consultation, which are enclosed for your information:

- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**
The PEIR provides results from KGSL's preliminary assessments and is presented in CD and hard copy format, including a Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR.
- **Project Newsletter**
This community newsletter has been circulated to stakeholders and residents living around the development sites and contains information about the proposed development and contact details for the Project Team.

- **Section 48 Public Notice**
A copy of the Public Notice, published in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008, which has this week appeared in The Guardian, The London Gazette, The Northwich Guardian, The Runcorn and Widnes World and the Runcorn and Widnes Weekly News.
- **Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**
The SoCC details how KGSL will carry out statutory consultation on the application.

All of the above documents can be downloaded from the 'Library' page of the project website at www.kgsp.co.uk

Statutory consultation on the proposals follows an initial stage of non-statutory consultation earlier in the year where views were sought from local residents and stakeholders on the proposed development. The feedback has been assessed by the Project Team and compiled into an Interim Consultation Report, which can be downloaded at www.kgsp.co.uk.

Information Days

As part of this stage of consultation we will be holding several Information Days to inform local residents and stakeholders about the updated project plans.

The Information Days will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 14th October, 2-8pm **Lostock Community Centre**, Stubbs Lane, Lostock Gralam, Northwich, CW9 7PU
- Thursday 16th October, 2-8pm **Byley Village Hall**, Moss Lane, Middlewich, CW10 9NG
- Monday 20th October, 2-8pm **Lach Dennis Village Hall**, Holmes Chapel Road, Lach Dennis, Northwich, CW9 7SZ
- Tuesday 21st October, 2-8pm **Whitley Village Hall**, Village Lane, Higher Whitley, Warrington, WA4 4EJ
- Thursday 23rd October, 2-8pm **Pavilions Club**, Sandy Lane, Weston Point, Runcorn, WA7 4EX

Stakeholder Workshop

We will also be holding a further Stakeholder Workshop to allow local community representatives and stakeholder groups to feedback on the updated plans. The Workshop will cover a number of key topics relating to the Project, including but not limited to: geology, ecology, health & safety and transport.

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Responding to the consultation

We are asking that consultees respond before the following dates:

- All consultation responses on the PEIR and environmental assessments must be received by **Friday 31st October 2014**
- Comments made as part of the wider public consultation on the application will be accepted until **Thursday 27th November 2014**

Consultees can submit their views to us in writing, by email or Freepost.

- **Call us:** Freephone 0800 1777 250 (During office hours Mon-Fri)
- **Email us:** info@kgsp.co.uk
- **Write to us:** Freepost RSKS-SBBE-LHHZ, Keuper Gas Storage Project, c/o PPS Group, Hanover House, 30-32 Charlotte Street, Manchester, M1 4FD
- **Visit us at:** www.kgsp.co.uk

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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*These contact details will put you in touch with PPS Group, who are managing the consultation process on behalf of Keuper Gas Storage Limited

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