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Dear [Name],

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.

I am contacting you as a prescribed consultee under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, with whom KGSL is obliged to consult on the proposals. As part of this statutory consultation, we have published a number of documents which provide further detail on the proposed development and will aid responses to the consultation.

You will find enclosed:

- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**
The PEIR provides results from KGSL's preliminary assessments and is presented in CD format, including a Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR. Hard copies are available on request.
- **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.

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

KGSL is seeking your views on the PEIR as part of consultation on the application. All responses on the enclosed PEIR must be returned by no later than **Friday 31st October 2014.**

Pre-application consultation is essential in allowing us to understand concerns and minimise the impacts of the proposed development. Full details of how we will undertake our statutory consultation is set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) document, which is available to view on our website 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
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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. I will be contacting you in due course with the details of this workshop.

Responding to the consultation

If you require any further information or would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the proposals, please contact the Project Team using the contact details below.

- 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**

You can submit your 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

Yours sincerely,



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Contact us

We hope to see you at our Information Days and/or Stakeholder Workshop however if you require any further information or would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the proposals, please contact the Project Team using the contact details below. You can also submit your views to us in writing, by email or via the feedback form on our website.

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