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1st October 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

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.

Why am I being contacted?

I am contacting you as a consultee identified in Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, with whom KGSL is obliged to consult on the proposals. This is due to the fact that you have an interest in the land identified within the application red line boundary.

The aspect of the Project that relates to you is the existing pipeline that transports brine from the Holford Brinefield to INEOS' operations at Runcorn. Although this existing pipeline will be used as part of the KGSP (and is included in the application), there is no proposed work in your area and the development will have no impacts. This pipeline will continue to be used to transport brine and will not be used to transport gas.

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:

- **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**
This public notice has appeared in local newspapers including the Northwich Guardian, Runcorn & Widnes World and Runcorn & Widnes Weekly News. It has also appeared in national newspapers The Guardian and the London Gazette.

As part of the consultation on the application, we have also published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), including a Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR, which is available to download from the 'Library' page of the project website www.kgsp.co.uk.

As well as downloading the PEIR from the website, we will be happy to send you a CD electronic copy if you wish to review the information. To make a request, contact us using the details at the end of this letter.

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

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- 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

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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Operations Director

*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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