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Tuesday 30th September 2014

STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT LAUNCHED

Keuper Gas Storage Limited (KGSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of INEOS Enterprises Group Limited, is launching statutory consultation on proposals to construct and operate an underground gas storage facility in Cheshire.

The proposed Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) would involve using specially designed underground salt cavities – created through solution mining – to store natural gas. Delivery of KGSP will represent a significant investment in the local economy, provide a long term brine supply to meet the needs of existing customers and assist the UK in achieving security of energy.

The statutory consultation will commence on 2nd October 2014 and close on 27th November 2014.

Earlier this year, members of the community and other stakeholders, were encouraged to have their say on the proposed KGSP as part of non-statutory or ‘informal’ consultation on the proposal. A series of Information Days and a Stakeholder Workshop were held in May and June to seek feedback from local residents and stakeholders on the proposed development. Since then, 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.

Greg Stewart, Director for INEOS Enterprises, said:

“The feedback we received during the first stage of consultation has been extremely helpful as we develop our plans for further underground gas storage in Cheshire. Following consultation with local residents, and further project design work, we have made a number of changes to the proposals, including amending five of the cavity locations and proposing additional planting.

“We are holding further Information Days during October and hope that local residents will take the opportunity to view the revised plans. The Project would help secure a flexible supply of energy in the UK as well as providing investment and jobs for Cheshire.”

The majority of the development will take place within the Holford Brinefield, which will include all of the proposed gas storage cavities. Other, smaller aspects of development will include two new brine tanks on the Lostock Works site and the refurbishment of the existing Whitley Pumping station. At Runcorn, the development will involve extending an existing pipeline located at the main INEOS ChlorVinyls site.

As part of the statutory consultation, KGSL is holding another round of Information Days in October:

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- 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

INEOS already employs over 1200 people in Cheshire. In addition to this, the KGSP would represent a significant investment by INEOS in Cheshire and create 30 new jobs once operational, along with over 300 jobs during construction.

If successful, the Project would commence in 2017 and could be operational from 2020 onwards.

Local residents can submit their views on the proposal via email, post or by completing the feedback form on the project website www.kgsp.co.uk.

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

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Notes to Editors

1. The Project is being developed by Keuper Gas Storage Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of INEOS Enterprises Group Limited. Keuper Gas Storage Limited is the project developer. INEOS Enterprises Limited is the land owner and its Brine & Water Business would be responsible for the solution mining of brine to facilitate this proposed development. INEOS Enterprises Limited's Brine and Water Business is due to form part of a new joint venture between INEOS and Solvay, to be known as INOVYN.
2. INEOS Enterprises has been solution mining the Holford Brinefield for over 80 years and has over 20 years' experience in the underground storage of natural gas.
3. The proposed development would make use of the natural geology of the area to provide underground gas storage and the Holford Brinefield is one of the few places in the UK suitable for this purpose.
4. The natural gas would be stored in salt cavities specially created by extracting brine from below ground. Storing natural gas in this way provides a stable and flexible source of energy and acts as a vital resource in the balancing of secure natural gas supplies for the UK.

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5. INEOS Enterprises has extensive experience of the geology for the area, which is supported by recent studies, and an ongoing demand for brine to meet the needs of its customers within the chemical industry.
6. As the proposal is for important energy infrastructure, KGSP is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), which means that Keuper Gas Storage Limited will be required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. As part of the DCO application process a period of statutory consultation is required. The first stage of consultation undertaken earlier this year was non-statutory or 'informal'. The current stage of consultation is statutory, as required by the Planning Act 2008 for NSIPs.

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18th November 2014

STILL TIME TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT

Residents are being reminded that there is still time to find out more about plans to invest in further underground gas storage at the Holford Brinefield and surrounding area, north of Middlewich as part of the proposed Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP).

Statutory consultation on the proposal was launched in early October and will continue until Thursday 27th November 2014. This means that people still have the opportunity to contact the Project Team, visit the KGSP website for information and submit their views.

The reminder follows a series of Information Days, at which local residents spoke to members of the KGSP Project Team and provided their feedback as part of the statutory consultation. A total of 79 people visited the consultation events, held at community venues in Byley, Lostock Gralam, Lach Dennis, Whitley and Runcorn.

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Those who attended the Information Days showed an interest in how potential impacts, such as visual impact on the local area, will not be significant once the KGSP is in operation. People were also keen to learn that vehicles will not travel through Byley village and welcomed further details on the one-way internal road system that will be created. This will ensure that all construction traffic accesses the main development site via an existing entrance on King Street and the need to cross public highways will be greatly reduced.

Some welcomed further investment in the local economy that the Project would provide and the supply chain and employment opportunities that it would create. Others commented on the benefits that further underground gas storage would create to improve security of gas supply to the UK.

If consented, construction of the Project would commence in 2017 and gas storage would begin from 2020.

Those who are interested in the proposed KGSP can find out further information by:

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Residents can submit their views on the KGSP by email, freepost and an online feedback form at www.kgsp.co.uk. Comments must be submitted by Thursday 27th November 2014 to be included in the Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

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