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#### 1. Introduction

#### **Reason for this Statement of Common Ground**

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of Keuper Gas Storage Limited's ('KGSL') application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to construct and operate an underground gas storage facility to be known as the Keuper Gas Storage Project ('the Project') on and under land at Holford Brinefield, Cheshire. Further detail of the Project can be found in the Project Overview (Doc. Ref. 8.1), which accompanies the DCO application.
- 1.2 This SoCG has been prepared to identify and describe areas of agreement and disagreement between KGSL the University of Manchester ('the UM').

#### **Background**

- 1.3 The Applicant has consulted the UM pursuant to the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.4 The UM is concerned about the potential effects of the proposed Project on the work undertaken by the UM at the Jodrell Bank Observatory ('JBO'). In particular, the UM is concerned to ensure that equipment used in the Project will comply with the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2004/108/EC and thereafter, with the requirements of EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, which comes into force on 20 April 2016. The new Directive makes very little practical difference to the requirements or procedures which manufacturers must apply to products and is mainly intended to clarify the obligations of importers and distributors to bring the Directive into line with the other consumer product related EU directives. For the purpose of this SOCG, reference to 'the Directive' includes the existing and new EMC Directive.
- 1.5 The Directive requires that products must not emit unwanted electromagnetic pollution (interference) and, because there is a certain amount of electromagnetic pollution in the environment, that products must be immune to a reasonable amount of interference. The Directive does not provide figures or guidelines on what the required level of emissions or immunity are, nor do they state the frequency band limits.
- 1.6 The Directive is implemented in the UK by the Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2006 and enforced in the United Kingdom by Trading Standards Service and Ofcom. For practical purposes, other bodies (e.g. the Health and Safety Executive) may also be involved in investigations into non-

compliant products.

1.7 The UM has requested confirmation that equipment proposed to be installed and operated as part of the Project is designed to meet the EMC Directive's protective requirements and technical compliance.

## 2 Matters Agreed

- 2.1 The matters set out below are agreed:
- 2.2.1 KGSL agrees, not less than 56 working days prior to the installation and operation of equipment which falls to be regulated under the EMC Directive, to provide the UM with written details of the detailed design codes and specifications of the equipment proposed to be utilised within Project, and to ensure that all and any equipment proposed to be installed and operated as part of the Project will comply with the EMC Directive's electromagnetic protection requirements.
- 2.2.2 KGSL agrees further, that by not later than 28 working days of a written request from the UM, to demonstrate that the equipment notified under paragraph 2.2.1 satisfies technical compliance with the EMC Directive.
- 2.2.3 The UM agrees that unless it responds in writing to KGSL by not later than 28 working days of the date of receipt of the equipment notified under paragraph 2.2.1 that KGSL may presume the UM's deemed acceptance of the suitability of the equipment for installation and use within the Project.

#### 3 Matters Not Agreed

3.1 There are no matters not agreed between the parties to this SOCG.