

# **KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT**

## **STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

**BETWEEN:**

**(1) KEUPER GAS STORAGE LIMITED**

**AND**

**(2) THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

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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 and 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.
- 1.8 The UM has requested also that the equipment proposed to be installed and operated as part of the Project is designed to ensure compliance with ITU Recommendation ITU – RA.769-2 (“ITU-RA.169-2”).

## **2 Matters Agreed**

- 2.1 The matters set out below are agreed:
  - 2.2.1 That the Project is located partly within but mostly outside of the Jodrell Bank Consultation Zone, and that the Holford Gas Storage Project and the Stublach Gas Storage Project both exist partly within and partly outside of the Jodrell Bank Consultation Zone.
  - 2.2.2 That the Jodrell Bank Consultation Zone is an area used for consultation purposes by the UM in respect of proposed new land uses. It is not an area defining where potentially harmful radio interference may occur.
  - 2.2.3 That the ITU RA.769-2 is the recognised standard for interference thresholds across the spectral bands used for radio astronomy.
  - 2.2.4 KGSL agrees, not less than 56 working days prior to the installation and operation of electrical equipment which falls to be regulated under the EMC Directive, to provide the UM with written details of the design codes and specifications of the electrical equipment proposed to be utilised within Project, and to ensure that all electrical equipment proposed to be installed and operated as part of the Project will comply with the EMC Directive's electromagnetic protection requirements.
  - 2.2.5 KGSL agrees further, not less than 56 working days prior to the installation and operation of electrical equipment proposed to be utilised within the Project to undertake an assessment of the potential interference which may be caused by the electrical equipment against the ITU RA.769-2 threshold.

2.2.6 The UM agrees that unless it responds in writing to KGSL by not later than 28 working days after the date of receipt of the electrical equipment details notified under paragraph 2.2.4 and the assessment provided under paragraph 2.2.5 that KGSL may presume the UM's deemed acceptance of the suitability of the electrical equipment for installation and operation within the Project without modification or mitigation.

2.2.7 KGSL agrees that where the UM provide a written response, by not later than 28 working days after the date of receipt of the electrical equipment details notified under paragraph 2.2.4 and the assessment provided under paragraph 2.2.5, that justifies and reasonably requires modification or mitigation measures to be undertaken that such modification or mitigation measures shall be completed by KGSL prior to the operation of the relevant electrical equipment.

### **3 Matters Not Agreed**

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