



# **PRESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY, LANCASHIRE**

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**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN HYDER  
CONSULTING (UK) LIMITED (ON BEHALF OF HALITE ENERGY  
GROUP LIMITED) AND NATURAL ENGLAND ON THE TOPIC OF  
AIR QUALITY**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (Hyder) (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and Natural England on the topic of Air Quality.
- 1.1.2 Natural England is a non-departmental public body established under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. Natural England is the statutory advisor to Government on nature conservation in England and promotes the conservation of England's wildlife and natural features.
- 1.1.3 Natural England is a statutory consultee in respect of:
- Plans or projects that are subject to the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (the "Habitats Regulations") and may have a likely significant effect on European sites, and;
  - Proposals likely to damage any of the flora, fauna or geological or physiographical features for which a Site of Special Scientific Interest ("SSSI") has been notified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (the "1981 Act").
- 1.1.4 Air Quality has been the subject of discussions between Hyder (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and Natural England at the pre-Development Consent Order (DCO) Application stage. A telephone conversation was held with Natural England on 24 February 2012 at 2pm to discuss the Air Quality SoCG. The aim of this discussion was, where possible, to reach a common ground in relation to the following DCO Application Documents:
- Chapter 6: Air Quality of Volume 1A of the Environmental Statement (ES) (DCO Application Document Reference 5.1)
  - Appendix 6.1 of Volume 1B of the ES (DCO Application Document Reference 5.2)
  - Figure 6.1 of Volume 2B of the ES (DCO Application Document Reference 5.4)
- 1.1.5 Agreements made within this SoCG are in relation to the air quality impacts upon statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest, the main sites of interest including Morecambe Bay Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site, and Wyre Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

## 2 ACCEPTED DATA

### 2.1 Assessment Methodology

- 2.1.1 The methodology sets out the approach to the Air Quality assessment, and is presented within Section 6.3 of Volume 1A of the ES.
- 2.1.2 The methodology for assessing effects on statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest is considered appropriate and agreed.

### 2.2 Baseline Information

- 2.2.1 Sections 6.4 and 6.5 of Volume 1A of the ES present the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to the Air Quality assessment.
- 2.2.2 The baseline information for statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest is considered appropriate and agreed.

### 2.3 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

- 2.3.1 Mitigation and enhancement measures are identified within Section 6.8 of Volume 1A of the ES.
- 2.3.2 The mitigation measures are agreed as appropriate in nature and scale to address potential effects on statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest.
- 2.3.3 Natural England welcomes the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to ensure appropriate mitigation, good practice and monitoring measures for construction and decommissioning impacts in relation to fugitive dust emissions. Implementation of the CEMP should be secured through DCO Requirements.

### 2.4 Assessment Findings

- 2.4.1 Section 6.7 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Potential Effects on Air Quality as a result of the Project without consideration of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures. Section 6.9 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Residual Effects, i.e. with incorporation of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.
- 2.4.2 It is agreed that there would be no adverse effects on statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest.

### 3 DATA NOT ACCEPTED

- 3.1.1 There are no elements of the documents identified within Section 1.1.4 of this SoCG that are not agreed.

## STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

**This Statement of Common Ground on the topic of Air Quality has been prepared by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited, and agreed by Natural England.**

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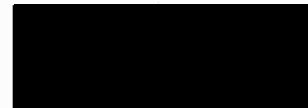


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