



**PREESALL 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 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON
THE TOPIC OF TRANSPORT AND ACCESS**

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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 Lancashire County Council (LCC) on the topic of Transport and Access.

1.1.2 Transport and Access has been the subject of discussions between Hyder (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and LCC at the pre-Development Consent Order (DCO) Application stage. Further discussions between LCC and Hyder have been held since the DCO Application was accepted for Examination. The aim of these discussions was, where possible, to reach a common ground in relation to the following DCO Application Documents:

- Chapter 16: Transport and Access of Volume 1A of the Environmental Statement (ES) (DCO Application Document Reference 5.1)
- Appendices 16.1 (Transport Assessment) and 16.2 (Construction Worker Travel Plan) of Volume 1B of the ES (DCO Application Document Reference 5.2)

2 ACCEPTED DATA

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 Section 16.3 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the assessment methodology for the Transport and Access assessment. Appendix 16.1 (Transport Assessment) of Volume 1B of the ES contains additional detail of the methodology.

2.1.2 The assessment methodology is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.2 Baseline Information

2.2.1 Section 16.4 and 16.5 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to the Transport and Access assessment. Appendix 16.1 (Transport Assessment) of Volume 1B of the ES contains additional detail of the baseline conditions considered.

2.2.2 The baseline information is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.3 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

2.3.1 Mitigation and enhancement measures are identified within Section 16.8 of Volume 1A of the ES and Appendix 16.2 (Construction Worker Travel Plan) of Volume 1B of the ES.

2.3.2 The mitigation and enhancement measures are agreed.

2.4 Assessment Findings

2.4.1 Section 16.7 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Potential Effects on Transport and Access as a result of the Project without consideration of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures. Section 16.9 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Residual Effects, i.e. with incorporation of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.

2.4.2 The findings of the assessment are agreed.

3 DATA NOT ACCEPTED

3.1.1 There are no elements of the documents identified within Section 1.1.2 of this SoCG that are not agreed.

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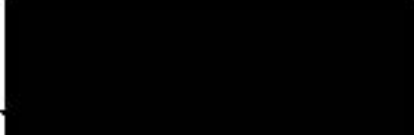
This Statement of Common Ground on the topic of Transport and Access has been prepared by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited, and agreed by Lancashire County Council.

Signed 

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Date: 1-6-2012

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