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Dear Andrew,

**Re: Request for an exemption under section 19A of the Gas Act 1986 (as amended) (Gas Act) from the third party access requirements contained in Section 19B of the same Act.**

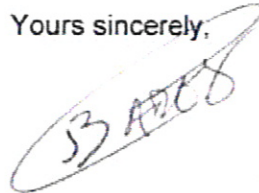
GDF Storage Limited ("GDFS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Gaz de France Group, is writing to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority") to request an exemption under section 19A of the Gas Act in respect of the Phase 1 development of the gas storage facility being developed at Stublach.

The size of the storage facility is such that it is not necessary for the operation of an economically efficient gas market to necessitate third party access.

GDFS has carried out analysis to support this application and assist the Authority in making its determination. The analysis is provided in a paper as an Annex to this letter. The capacity volumes detailed in the paper are not expected to vary significantly since these characteristics and parameters represent the basis of design of the project. However, final characteristics will be subject to the physical realities of developing the site. In any event, GDFS will inform the Authority of any changes to these details should they arise.

I trust that you find the information presented in the paper sufficient to allow you to conduct your review of the exemption application. Should you wish to discuss this application or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Keith Harsham, Strategy and Administration Director (tel: 0797399058).

Yours sincerely,



Jacques Badet  
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