

17 January 2018

STATEMENT RE: ELLESMERE PORT PLANNING APPLICATION RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

IGas is pleased that the Planning Officer has recommended that Chester West and Chester Council's ("CWaC") Planning and Licensing Committee grant planning consent for the application to carry out further tests on the rock formation encountered in the Ellesmere Port-1 well, drilled in late 2014, called the Pentre Chert, including a flow test, to better understand the volumes of gas it contains.

IGas was granted the required environmental permit by the Environment Agency in November 2017.

IGas businesses have been drilling wells and producing oil and gas safely and in an environmentally responsible manner for over 30 years and we will continue to uphold the highest standards in the future.

The Company will await the Councillors' decision on this application currently scheduled for 25 January 2018.

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Notes to Editors

PEDL area 184, within which this proposed development is sited, is held jointly by INEOS and IGas and operated by IGas.