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Cuadrilla: Lancashire County Council Agrees to Defer Consideration of Planning Applications

Lancashire County Council (LCC) has agreed to Cuadrilla's request to defer its determination of the planning applications for shale gas exploration at Preston New Road and Roseacre Wood. The decision has been deferred for at least eight weeks to allow time for consideration of the additional information on mitigation measures submitted by Cuadrilla on noise and traffic concerns.

Cuadrilla released a statement as follows:

"We recognise the careful consideration that Lancashire County Council has given and its subsequent agreement to our request to defer the determination of our planning applications for shale gas exploration at Preston New Road and Roseacre Wood.

"The additional information we have provided on further mitigation measures will, we believe, fully address the noise and traffic concerns raised by the planning Officers in their recommendation to refuse planning permission for both sites. This additional information will be assessed by the Planning Officers and there will now be an opportunity for the public to properly review and comment on this.

"We remain committed to the exploration of shale gas in Lancashire."

About AJ Lucas Group Limited

AJ Lucas is a leading provider of pipelines, specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and wastewater, resources and public infrastructure sectors. In particular, it is the largest supplier of drilling and gas management services to Australia's coal industry.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Current investments include a 45% shareholding in Cuadrilla Resources Holdings Limited, an exploration and production company focused on unconventional hydrocarbons, and direct interests in each of the Bowland, Elswick and Bolney Licences in the UK. Past projects successfully developed and sold include AJ Lucas' investments in the Gloucester Basin in NSW, Sydney Gas Limited, ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin and a 6.25% interest in the Bowland prospect.