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DEEPSTORE SECURES THREE-YEAR DEAL WITH PEEL

The Peel Group, one of the country's leading infrastructure, transport and real estate investors, has awarded DeepStore a three-year contract.

The new deal will involve the storage of paperwork, records and archive data in DeepStore's climate-controlled vaults in Britain's largest salt mine in Winsford, Cheshire.

Peel was established by John Whittaker, the company's chairman, over 40 years ago and has grown to hold collective investments owned and under management of more than £5 billion, primarily in the North of England.

John Armitage, Peel's IT director, said: "The careful management of our files and archives is critical to all Peel businesses and we are very pleased to have secured an excellent partnership with DeepStore."

Craig Trimby, DeepStore's head of sales, said: "We are delighted that Peel have appointed DeepStore to manage their files and archives. Our unique underground facility provides a safe and secure environment for these documents and we're looking forward to building a long-term relationship with their team."

DeepStore, which is part of Compass Minerals®, created the underground storage facility from the space left following the extraction of millions of tonnes of rock salt from the mine owned and operated by Compass Minerals.

The mine, 150 metres below ground, is ideal for storing documents as it has consistent temperature and humidity levels that meet the specifications of PD 5454. Its storage areas also are naturally free from ultraviolet light, vermin and flooding.

DeepStore's clients include The National Archives, Costain, the Royal Society, SOAS and Wellcome Trust.