

# Media Release



## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### **SECOND PHASE ENHANCEMENT OF REVERSE FLOW CAPACITY**

Interconnector (UK) Limited has announced that the second phase of its enhancement project has been completed two months early on 1st October and the associated additional UK import capacity made available to the shippers concerned. The Interconnector now offers flexibility for shippers to nominate up to 58 million cubic metres of gas per day (mcm/d) in UK export mode and/or up to 68 mcm/d in UK import mode. Currently, UK daily demand is running at approximately 215 mcm/d with export volumes of approximately 15 mcm/d through the Interconnector.

"This is another important milestone in the continually changing Interconnector story" said Managing Director Roger Cornish. "Interconnector's flexible bi-directional service and the role it plays in facilitating trading between the UK and the Continental markets is unique. As the market evolves further and investment in infrastructure follows our lead, I am certain that the Interconnector and the service it provides will continue to play a fundamental role, regardless of the direction in which the gas is flowing."

Note: 68 million cubic metres per day (mcm/d) equates to around 23.5 billion cubic metres per year (bcm/y). This compares to a total UK consumption of around 400 million cubic metres on a typical winter's day. This second phase of enhancement increases capacity from 16.5 to 23.5 bcm/y. A third phase, to increase capacity to 25.5 bcm/y, approximately 74 mcm/d, will be delivered by 1st October 2007.

### **INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND**

Interconnector (UK) Limited ("IUK") operates a sub-sea pipeline and terminal facilities connecting the UK and continental Europe. The company's 40" diameter carbon steel pipeline stretches 230 kilometres between Bacton in north Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium. It is presently capable of transporting 20 billion cubic metres per year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge.

Owned by 7 major companies, IUK has sold capacity in the pipeline to gas shippers. A dedicated and award winning IT system, ISIS, manages the nominations and flows and provides constantly updated information to IUK and its customers.

Further information on IUK can be obtained from [www.interconnector.com](http://www.interconnector.com)