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## 2009 PLANNED MAINTENANCE

Interconnector (UK) Limited ("IUK") announced today that the UK-Belgium gas interconnector will be shut down for planned annual maintenance commencing 06:00 hours Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for a period of up to 15 days. An update on the expected duration will be provided in due course but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

## INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED - BACKGROUND

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 and 25.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

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)

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