



# Media Release

## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### THIRD PHASE ENHANCEMENT OF REVERSE FLOW CAPACITY

Interconnector (UK) Limited has announced that the third phase of its enhancement project was completed on 1st October 2007 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 74 mcm/d in UK import mode. The third phase of the enhancement increases UK import capacity from 68 to 74 mcm/d (an increase of 2 billion cubic metres per year (bcm/y)).

Companies acquiring capacity in this third phase of the enhancement are Centrica; ENI; Gazprom and RWE.

Interconnector's Managing Director Roger Cornish said today: "We have now delivered the third phase of what has been a 5-year development project to triple the UK import capacity of the Interconnector, from the original 25 mcm/d to its new level of 74 mcm/d. Thanks to the commitment of our customers, and the hard work of a large number of individuals, we have successfully completed this very significant enhancement to the service offered by the Interconnector in linking the gas markets of mainland Europe and the UK."

Note: 74 million cubic metres per day (mcm/d) equates to around 25.5 bcm/y. This compares to a total UK consumption of around 400 mcm/d on a typical winter's day. Phase 1 increased UK import capacity from 24 to 48 mcm/d on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005; Phase 2 increased UK import capacity from 48 to 68 mcm/d on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

### 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 terminals at Bacton in Norfolk, UK and Zeebrugge in Belgium.

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)