

Media Release



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BACTON NTS OFFTAKE TEMPORARILY REDUCED ON 2ND JUNE 2003

Interconnector (UK) Limited advised today that a flow constraint had been issued to I(UK) shippers at approximately 11:00 hours UKT Monday 2nd June 2003, following excessive amounts of solids again being received in the gas from the Transco terminal at Bacton.

Flow rates were cut back by approximately 30%, when filters started to block, following further pigging by Transco of an NTS feeder pipeline. The volume of “out of specification” gas being nominated into the Interconnector was too great to continue normal operation.

It is expected to resume normal flow at approximately 22:00 hours UKT Monday 2nd June 2003 following the cleaning of filters, subject to gas received being of an acceptable quality.

The quality of gas at Zeebrugge has been unaffected.

INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or 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 a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

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

Further information on IUK can be obtained from www.interconnector.com

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