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INTERCONNECTOR SHUTDOWN 2ND JULY 2002.

Interconnector recommenced limited gas export from the UK to Belgium, at 06:00 hours UKT 4th July 2002.

In excess of 20 tonnes of Hydrocarbon Liquids have been recovered from the Bacton Terminal over the last two days. Approximately 2.5 million cubic metres (circa 30,000,000 KWh) of gas were returned to the UK National Transmission System overnight.

Flows will remain restricted until all operators involved are confident that normal flowing conditions and gas quality have been restored.

Recommencement of flows at Zeebrugge will lag behind flows at Bacton until the Interconnector pipeline pressure has been restored to the normal operating level.

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 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.iuk-isis.com

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