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SHUTDOWN OF INTERCONNECTOR 2ND JULY 2002 UPDATE

Interconnector (UK) continues to purge its Bacton Terminal of residual hydrocarbon liquids following the invasion of large volumes of liquids from the upstream operations. This is being achieved by alternating gas flows both in the forward and reverse direction through the plant and this process will continue until gas quality returns within specified limits.

Normal commercial flows are unlikely to resume for several days

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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