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MAINTENANCE OF THE INTERCONNECTOR 11TH JUNE 2002

Interconnector (UK) Ltd. today announced that the gas Interconnector between Bacton, U.K and Zeebrugge, Belgium will cease physical operation on Tuesday, 11th June 2002, in order to carry out essential maintenance work at the Bacton Terminal.

Routine inspection has revealed a small leak in a valve and a short but total shutdown is required to effect a repair.

Flow will cease between 07:00 and 15:00 hours (UK time) at the UK connection point and between 09:00 and 17:00 hours (European Time) at the Belgian connection point.

The timing of the annual planned maintenance period (31st August — 10th September 2002) remains unaffected by this short stoppage.

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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