



## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### INTERCONNECTOR CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

Interconnector (UK) Ltd is pleased to announce that the first phase of its enhancement project commenced operation today, Tuesday 8th November 2005. An additional 8 billion cubic metres per year (“bcm/y”) of UK import capacity has been made available to customers from 06:00 UK Time this morning.

“This is an important milestone for us and for UK winter gas supply. I am delighted that we have been able to deliver the new UK import capacity ahead of the originally planned 1st December date so that operational experience can be gained in preparation for the higher flows expected during the colder winter months” said Managing Director, Roger Cornish.

“The enhancement project is a major development of our service and will move the Interconnector towards balanced import/export capacity, which will allow greater flexibility for our customers and the markets at both ends of our pipeline.”

This first enhancement phase will increase UK import capability from 8.5 bcm/y to 16.5 bcm/y. The second phase of the Interconnector enhancement programme, which will take the pipeline’s UK import capacity to 23.5 bcm/y, is on course for completion by 1st December 2006.

**Note:** 16.5 bcm/y equates to a flow of approximately 48 million cubic metres per day. On a typical winter day the UK’s gas consumption is approximately 400 million cubic metres.

### INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or I(UK), 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) in UK export from Bacton to Zeebrugge.

Owned by seven major companies I(UK) 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 I(UK) and its customers.

Further information on I(UK) can be obtained from [www.interconnector.com](http://www.interconnector.com)

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