

Media Release



Interconnector (UK) Limited

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SHUTDOWN OF INTERCONNECTOR 2ND JULY 2002 UPDATE

The pipeline is continuing to flow at approximately 4BCM/y (20TJ/hour) rate while gas quality measurements are monitored at Bacton and Zeebrugge.

The gas used to repack the pipeline over the past two days is expected to arrive at Zeebrugge later this afternoon and, subject to satisfactory readings, rates will then increase slowly.

IUK are liaising with Transco regarding acceptable ramp up rates to ensure predictable quality and to minimise local disruption to the NTS.

A further press release will be issued on 12th July.

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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