

Media Release



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SHUTDOWN OF INTERCONNECTOR 2ND JULY 2002 UPDATE

Despite a successful flushing of the Interconnector Bacton Terminal over the past week and repacking of the pipeline with very dry gas, when this gas arrived at Zeebrugge it was detected to be out of specification and hence the flow had to be constrained to a low level. Clearly a level of contamination from the delivery of hydrocarbon liquids is still present in the system.

Fluxys are blending the small redelivery which has remained nominated however due to the level of contamination and the small number of shippers willing to accept the blending service this is a slow process.

Bacton physical flows are currently zero and are likely to remain so for the rest of the day. Disruption is likely to continue over the weekend.

A further press release will be issued at 17:00 hours 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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