

Media Release



Interconnector (UK) Limited

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2005 PLANNED MAINTENANCE

Interconnector (UK) Ltd. today confirmed that the duration of the 2005 planned maintenance period will be 15 days commencing 06:00 hours on Monday 4th July 2005 and concluding at 06:00 hours on Tuesday 19th July 2005.

During this period the UK-Belgium Gas Interconnector will be shut down and no physical flow will be possible in either flow direction.

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 per year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction. The company is currently undertaking a two phase enhancement project to increase the UK import capacity from 8.5 bcm/y to 16.5 bcm/y by 1st December 2005 with the second phase increasing capacity to 23.5 bcm/y by 1st December 2006.

Owned by nine 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.interconnector.com

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