

Media Release



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INTERCONNECTOR SHUTDOWN 14/08/02 DUE TO LIQUIDS CONTAMINATION

Interconnector (UK) Limited confirmed today that gas contaminated with liquids had been delivered from the NTS at Bacton at approximately 22:45 hours on Wednesday, 14th August 2002.

Flow through the Interconnector pipeline has been temporarily halted whilst clean-up operations are carried out. At this stage it is not known how long this will take.

An update will be issued at 17:30 hours today.

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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