

# Media Release



## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### **INTERCONNECTOR SHUTDOWN 14/08/02 DUE TO LIQUIDS CONTAMINATION**

Interconnector (UK) Limited confirmed today that clean-up operations were continuing, following the delivery of gas contaminated with liquids on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2002.

“Approximately 2 tonnes of liquid have been drained from the Interconnector Terminal at Bacton”, said Tony Mulcare of IUK. “The next step is to reverse flow contaminated gas out of the pipeline back to the UK today.”

After the reverse flow has been completed, further draining, flushing and drying of the Interconnector Bacton Terminal to remove residual contamination is expected to take approximately two days, subject to satisfactory gas quality measurements.

Forward flow of gas from the UK to the Continent is provisionally planned to recommence on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2002, initially at a low rate.

### **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](http://www.iuk-isis.com)

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