

# Media Release



## Interconnector (UK) Limited

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### SHUTDOWN OF INTERCONNECTOR 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2002 UPDATE

As the next stage in the programme to clean the pipeline prior to restoring full operational capability, Interconnector is planning to commence a reverse flow (Zeebrugge to Bacton) pigging (cleaning) operation. This is currently planned to begin on Tuesday the 23rd July and is estimated to take 9 - 12 days to complete.

There will be no physical flows in the line in the intervening period up to the 23rd July, whilst arrangements for the pigging operation are put in place.

The annual maintenance period (31<sup>st</sup> August to 10<sup>th</sup> September) will be unaffected by the current shutdown.

No further media releases are envisaged prior to commencement of the pigging operation unless there are material developments in the meantime.

#### **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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