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INTERCONNECTOR SHUT DOWN FOR MAINTAINENCE

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, the operator of the gas Interconnector between Bacton in Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium, confirmed today (17 September 2001) that the pipeline had shut down for planned maintenance at 06.00 hours local time. The planned duration of the shutdown is 10 days.

THE INTERCONNECTOR

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or IUK, operates a sub-sea gas 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 of gas a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.