

Media Release



Interconnector (UK) Limited

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2005 PLANNED MAINTENANCE

Interconnector (UK) Ltd. today announced that the UK-Belgium Gas Interconnector will be shut down for planned maintenance commencing 06:00 hours on Monday 4th July 2005 for a period of up to 15 days. An update on the expected duration will be provided in due course but not later than 31st March 2005.

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 part 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 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.interconnector.com

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