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INTERCONNECTOR AWARDS ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR ZEEBRUGGE COMPRESSION

Today, Interconnector (UK) Ltd, placed a contract with Pipeline Engineering GmbH, of Essen, Germany for the front end engineering design of a compression facility at its Zeebrugge Terminal and corresponding facilities at its Bacton Terminal. The design will allow a maximum reverse flow capacity of the pipeline to be achieved of up to 24 BCM(billion cubic metres) of gas per year, up 15.5 BCM from the existing capacity.

Paul Convert, the Interconnector Project Manager said " The debate on timing and phasing is ongoing with our Shippers but the awarding of this contract marks a significant step by Interconnector in our commitment to ensure the enhanced capacity can be available, with confidence, at the time it is required by the market. PLE won the contract after Interconnector tendered through the European Journal and we are delighted that the contract has been won by a contractor with such broad experience of compressor station design and construction."

Interconnector (UK) Limited - background

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. Owned by ten major energy 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 shippers. Further information on IUK can be obtained from <http://www.iuk-isis.com>

Pipeline Engineering GmbH, Essen - background

Pipeline Engineering GmbH, Essen, founded in 1960 is one of the leading engineering groups in the field of pipeline transmission systems for gas, oil, water, products, slurries and telecommunications. PLE's portfolio of services comprise project development, consulting and design, project management, project execution, operation and maintenance of complete systems.

Owner's engineering is one of PLE's core business activities especially for compressor stations where PLE has gained broad experience in this function all over Europe, Russia, Middle East and Asia.

Further information on PLE can be obtained from: <http://www.ple.com>

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