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WARTIME MINE FOUND NEAR INTERCONNECTOR PIPELINE

Interconnector (UK) has been advised by Distrigas, its operator in Belgium, that an old wartime mine has been located near to the Interconnector pipeline which links Norfolk and Zeebrugge.

Belgian naval authorities have been notified and have set up an exclusion zone which is being patrolled by their vessels.

The Navy is currently investigating the mine and IUK is waiting for their advice about its disposal.

During the construction period of the pipeline, IUK worked in cooperation with the Belgian Navy in successfully dealing with unexploded wartime ordnance in Belgian waters, and no interruption to gas flows is expected as a result of this current situation.

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 230 billion cubic metres of gas a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.