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2002 ANNUAL PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF THE INTERCONNECTOR

Interconnector (UK) Limited today announced that the gas interconnector between Bacton, U.K. and Zeebrugge, Belgium will cease physical operations on Saturday 31st August 2002 for annual planned maintenance.

Operations are scheduled to resume 10 days later, on Tuesday 10th September 2002.

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>

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