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HIGH WATER DEWPOINT AT ZEEBRUGGE - UPDATE

Following the ingress of water into the pipeline, Interconnector is making contingency plans to commence pigging the pipeline, possibly starting over the weekend.

There has been a slight but perceptible trend of improvement in gas quality emerging at Zeebrugge and Fluxys have offered to increase the flow to 1.7 bcm/y from 1.3bcm/y effective 15:00hrs CET today, subject to no deterioration in gas quality. The final decision on pigging will therefore be deferred to the last possible moment to take advantage of the latest gas quality information and the latest technical advice from pigging experts. If pigging is initiated this weekend it will be in a "forward" direction towards Zeebrugge.

Preliminary investigation indicates that water entered the pipeline during a maintenance operation to replace a faulty 40 inch diameter valve. In order to safely isolate the valve from the high-pressure gas in the pipeline, a plug was temporarily inserted into the line using water under pressure. During this procedure, part of the internal mechanism of the plug failed which it is believed resulted in a quantity of water by-passing the plug and entering the pipeline.

An investigation is being carried out as to the cause of this failure.

INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Ltd ("IUK") operates a sub-sea pipeline and terminal facilities connecting the UK and continental Europe. The company's 40" diameter pipeline stretches 230 kilometres between Bacton in north Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium. It is presently capable of transporting 20 billion cubic metres a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

Owned by ten major companies IUK has sold capacity in the pipeline to numerous 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.

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