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WATER DEWPOINT UPDATE

Following the ingress of water into the pipeline, Interconnector continues to flow at a restricted level of 1.7 bcm/y.

Pigging has not been initiated yet due to the uncertainty of the effectiveness of such an operation at current conditions though pigging is still being retained as an option and a pig is ready to be launched if required. Blowing the line dry using dry gas is still considered the best available solution though the duration for this cannot be quantified.

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 ultimately led to 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.

Further information on IUK can be obtained from www.interconnector.com

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