

Media Release



Interconnector (UK) Limited

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FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF INTERCONNECTOR REVERSE FLOW CAPACITY

Interconnector (UK) Limited is evaluating the options for further enhancement to its UK import capacity for natural gas.

The current project is on target for installation of the first phase of new compression facilities at the Zeebrugge Terminal in 2005, which will increase the UK import capacity of the Interconnector from the existing 8.5 billion cubic meters (bcm) per year to 16.5 bcm per year.

However, depending on the level of commitment, the capacity could be further enhanced up to a total of 25 bcm per year by as early as 2006.

IUK is issuing a brochure in order to raise awareness of both the ongoing enhancement project and, in particular, of the potential for further enhancement(s). Companies are being asked to provide a 'written expression of interest' in any further phase of enhancement by 25th July 2003.

The specifics of the next phase of enhancement will then be determined on the basis of the response of the existing Interconnector Shippers and others to the opportunities outlined in the brochure.

Copies of the brochure are available online at www.interconnector.com or by post on application to Sean Waring, Gas Control Manager, Interconnector (UK) Limited, 56-58 Conduit Street, London W1S 2YZ, Tel: 020 7478 8400.

INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or IUK, operates a sub-sea 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 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 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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