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Unocal to build gas pipeline

BANGKOK: U.S. energy giant Unocal Corp. plans a pipeline connecting its gas fields in Vietnam to markets in Thailand and Malaysia as part of its 2004 investment strategy, *The Nation* newspaper reported Monday.

Unocal is Thailand's largest natural gas producer and is also active in Myanmar, Vietnam and Indonesia.

The *Nation* quoted a company official as saying that Unocal's investment plans over the next five years would place importance on the Arthit field in the Gulf of Thailand, in which the company has minority interest, and adjacent blocks in Vietnamese territory where it has a majority stake.

The Thai and Vietnamese gas exploration blocks are estimated to have gas reserves totaling about 10 to 14 trillion cubic feet. — AP