

# Nexans, at the core of a sustainable future



**In 2010, Nexans commits to make all of its business flights CarbonNeutral® by supporting the Uchindile-Mapanda Reforestation Project in Tanzania**

## **Nexans is present on all continents and offsets its business flights**

Our worldwide dimension with customers and plants on all continents leads us to travel a lot. At Nexans, business trips cover some 60 million kilometres each year, representing 1500 times the earth circumference.

In January 2010, Nexans has committed to fully offset the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated during its business flights by purchasing guaranteed, high quality carbon offsets from a unique reforestation project in Tanzania (Africa). In return, the Group is awarded the CarbonNeutral® flights certification, which guarantees and communicates the net zero carbon footprint of its business flights.



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### **Nexans supports an 18 000 hectares reforestation project in Africa**

The Uchindile-Mapanda project covers some 18 000 hectares of degraded grasslands in the Southern highlands of Tanzania. Commercial forests of eucalyptus and pine trees are planted for sustainable harvesting. Biodiversity is not forgotten: 40% of these lands are dedicated to the conservation of endangered indigenous plants and species.

The Uchindile-Mapanda Project is the first reforestation project in Africa to be validated under the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS). This label guarantees the traceability of the carbon credit units issued. The project has also been validated by the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA). While these standard ensures the conservation of the environment, it also focus on improving people's living conditions.

### **Nexans contributes to the development of local communities**

The project has already provided 200 employment opportunities and enabled the renovation of 100 km of roads as well as the development of 200 km of new roads. Wells were built wherever water was a problem. Villages now have schools and hospitals. 500 hectares of woods were planted for villagers who are being handed competences to harvest them in a sustainable way.

### **Sustainable development, Nexans' growth and innovation engine**

Development and quality of life are largely determined by access to energy, mobility of people and goods. Nexans, global leader in cable and cabling solutions, continues to meet these basic needs in the best conditions in terms of performance, security, and respect of individuals and the environment.

Nexans is committed to the UN's Global Compact and promotes its ten fundamental principles dealing with human rights, labour standards, protection of the environment and anticorruption policies. Nexans' Code of Ethics and Business Conduct explains how to apply these on a day-to-day basis.

### **Nexans: from reforestation to PEFC™ certified drums**

Nexans implements a sustainable development policy, from its commitment to offset business flights through its reforestation initiative in Africa to the development of renewable energies solutions (wind, photovoltaic, etc.), or the distribution of PEFC™ certified drums in Europe.



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