



Press release

Nexans to supply 23 km of 35 kV submarine cables for the Arklow Bank Wind Farm in Ireland

Nexans produces submarine cables in record time

Paris, July 21, 2003 - Nexans has been awarded an order for the supply of 23 km of 35 kV submarine power cables to transport the power generated by the wind turbines of the Arklow (Ireland) wind farm to an onshore cable station, as well as the links between the individual wind turbines.

The wind farm, which will have 7 wind turbines, each with a capacity of 3.6 MW, is located in the Irish Sea on a sandbank south of Dublin. The wind turbines will be installed by GE Wind Energy toward the end of the year. In the project's final stage, it could have up to 200 wind turbines.

The cables, with a cross-section of 3 x 1 x 300 mm² and an outside diameter of 125 mm, are among the largest submarine cables manufactured in Nexans' Hanover plant.

The laying up of a total number of 24 optical fibers for data transmission in the Gbit range between onshore facilities and wind power plants, was another achievement. With optical fibers from Nexans in Norway, especially developed for harsh offshore environments, all wind turbines can be individually controlled from onshore.

In all, 18 railroad cars were required to transport the 16.5 km of main cable, (the weight of which is 410 metric tons) to the port of Emden (Germany). The 7 km of cables required to interconnect the wind turbines were transported in 9 coils.

Yvon Raak, Nexans' Executive Vice President, Europe Area, said, *"We are delighted to have won this order which will enable Nexans to strengthen its lead on the market for the supply of cables for wind farms worldwide."*

About Nexans

Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry. The Group brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fiber cable solutions to the infrastructure, industry and building markets. Nexans cables and cabling systems can be found in every area of people's lives, from telecommunications and energy networks, to aeronautics, aerospace, automobile, railways, building, petrochemical, medical applications, etc. With an industrial presence in 28 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 17,150 people and had sales in 2002 of euros 4.3 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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