



Press Release

Paris, July 18, 2003 - Following an article of today in the French press, Nexans points out that it has not submitted an offer for the acquisition of the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) activities of Alstom.

Nexans has simply offered to the General Management of Alstom to pursue the discussions on the possible transaction conditions of this Division under financial conditions compatible with the structure of its balance sheet.

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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