



Press release

Nexans supplies 3000 Km of safety cables to Chantiers de l'Atlantique

Nexans guarantees safety on board the Queen Mary 2, the largest liner in the world

Paris, October 14, 2002 - Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has won a new contract from Chantiers de l'Atlantique (Atlantic Shipyards), an Alstom subsidiary, for the supply and installation of over 3,000 kilometers of halogen free, flame retardant and/or fire resistant cables in what will be the largest ocean-going liner in the world, the Queen Mary 2, built for "armement Cunard" (Carnival's group).

These cables will ensure the distribution of electricity, transmission of data, remote monitoring, and all the central functions of the liner.

With the virtual design hardly off the 3D screens of Chantiers de l'Atlantique's engineering offices, the largest liner in the world is already under construction in Saint-Nazaire. The Queen Mary 2, whose launching is scheduled for 2004, will measure 345 meters from bow to stern, 41 meters in width and 72 meters in height (equivalent to a 25-storey building), and will have a capacity of up to 3 090 passengers.

"The cables supplied by Nexans for the Queen Mary 2 comply with the most stringent fire safety standards. All the cables supplied by Nexans are flame retardant and/or fire resistant. In the event of fire, the fire resistant cables continue to supply the equipment necessary for the operation of the safety systems, such as lighting, fire alarms, control of smoke extractors, and operation of the fire doors. The flame retardant cables prevent the fire propagation between the different parts of a boat, with low non toxic gas emission, thus permitting the evacuation process to continue" stated Michel Mayoud, Managing Director of Nexans' Industrial Applications activities.

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 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. Operating in 28 countries, Nexans employs 17,500 people and had sales in 2001 of euros 4.8 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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