



Press release

Nexans joins the “Fibre-To-The-Home” Council formed to promote Fibre Access in Europe

Paris, May 13, 2004 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, announced today that it has joined the “Fibre-to the-Home (FTTH) Council Europe”, created in March 2004, whose mandate is to promote the extension of fibre access in Europe.

Comprised of over 25 European and global broadband industry leaders, and with a Board consisting of Alcatel, Cisco, Corning, ECI, Emtelle, Ericsson and OFS, the FTTH Council intends to offer its wealth of practical experience to government policy makers, network owners and potential FTTH operators to respond to the developing needs and demands of Broadband Europe.

Nexans, as a global expert in cables and cabling systems, is continuously working with operators, local communities and installers as partner for new generation infrastructures supporting broadband services. As such Nexans, deploying “Nexans enhanced micro blown fibre cable solution”, has acquired a unique and solid experience with telecom operators based on 30,000 Kms of fibre installed in 2003. Numerous other projects are running in Europe.

Nexans is also sole supplier of Power Utilities deploying “Nexans enhanced aerial FTTH cable solution”, pioneering fibre to the home deployment in Scandinavia.

“Fibre access is a key part of our telecom strategy, we are glad to join the FTTH Council and rely on our common efforts to accelerate fibre deployment in Europe as a key technology to improve the European Society competitiveness through better and faster education and innovation”, said Véronique Stappers, Nexans’ Marketing Manager for Telecom Infrastructures.

Note to editors

The FTTH Council Europe plans two major public events for 2004. A first two-day event scheduled in Brussels, 25 and 26 May 2004, will address European and national policy makers and regulators, as well as market stakeholders with focus on “Why fibre? Why now?”. The second event to be staged towards the end of the year will target a much wider audience of public and private network owners, operators as well as content providers.

More information on FTTH Council Europe: europaef@ftthcouncil.org

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 29 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 17,000 people and had sales in 2003 of 4 billion euros. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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